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9 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**
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13 In re: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)
14 ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Case No. 07-5944 SC

MDL No. 1917

15 This Document Relates to:
16 ALL INDIRECT PURCHASER ACTIONS
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**[PROPOSED] REPORT AND
RECOMMENDATION RE: INDIRECT
PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS' MOTION
FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE
COMPLAINT**

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28 **[PROPOSED] REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION RE: INDIRECT PURCHASER PLAINTIFFS'
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE COMPLAINT**

1 To the Honorable Samuel Conti, United States District Judge:

2 This matter came before the Special Master on the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs'
3 ("Plaintiffs") Motion For Leave To Amend The Complaint. Having carefully considered
4 the briefs and other submissions of Plaintiffs and Defendants, as well as oral arguments by
5 counsel at the hearing, the Special Master makes the following findings and
6 recommendations:

7 1. Given that the Ninth Circuit grants motions for leave to amend with
8 "extreme liberality" (*Eminence Capital, LLC v. Aspeon, Inc.*, 316 F.3d 1048, 1051 (9th
9 Cir. 2003), and because Defendants will not suffer any undue prejudice, the Special Master
10 recommends that the Court grant Plaintiffs' motion for leave to amend the complaint to
11 add the following new defendants: Thomson SA (n/k/a Technicolor SA) and Thomson
12 Consumer Electronics, Inc. (n/k/a Technicolor USA, Inc.); Mitsubishi Electric Corp.,
13 Mitsubishi Digital Electronics America, Inc., and Mitsubishi Electric & Electronics, USA,
14 Inc.; and Videocon Industries, Ltd.

15 2. Plaintiffs are directed to file the Fourth Amended Complaint, a copy of
16 which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, within one week of the date of this order.

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1 DATED: _____

Hon. Charles A. Legge
United States District Judge (Ret.)
Special Master

4 The Report and Recommendations are Accepted and Ordered / Denied / Modified.

6 DATED: _____

Hon. Samuel Conti
United States District Judge

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) **FOURTH CONSOLIDATED AMENDED**
) **COMPLAINT**

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1 Plaintiffs Brian Luscher, Jeffrey Figone, Carmen Gonzalez, Dana Ross, Steven Ganz,
2 Lawyer's Choice Suites, Inc., David Rooks, Daniel Riebow, Travis Burau, Southern Office
3 Supply, Inc., Kerry Lee Hall, Lisa Reynolds, Barry Kushner, Misti Walker, David Norby, Ryan
4 Rizzo, Charles Jenkins, Gloria Kamo, Conrad Carty, Janet Ackerman, Craig Stephenson,
5 Patricia Andrews, Gary Hanson, Frank Warner, Albert Sidney Crigler, Margaret Slagle, John
6 Larch, Louise Wood, Jeff Speaect and Brigid Terry ("Plaintiffs"), individually and on behalf of
7 a Class of all those similarly situated in the United States, bring this action for damages and
8 injunctive relief under state and federal antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection
9 laws against the Defendants named herein, demanding trial by jury, and complaining and
10 alleging as follows:

11 **I. INTRODUCTION**

12 1. Plaintiffs bring this antitrust class action on behalf of individuals and entities that
13 indirectly purchased Cathode Ray Tube Products ("CRT Products") (as further defined below),
14 in the United States from Defendants, their predecessors, any subsidiaries or affiliates thereof, or
15 any of their unnamed co-conspirators, during the period beginning at least as early as March 1,
16 1995 until at least November 25, 2007 (the "Class Period"). Plaintiffs allege that during the
17 Class Period the Defendants conspired to fix, raise, maintain and/or stabilize prices of CRT
18 Products sold in the United States. Because of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and
19 other Class Members paid artificially inflated prices for CRT Products and have suffered
20 antitrust injury to their business or property.

21 2. As further detailed below, beginning in at least 1995, Defendants Samsung,
22 Philips, Daewoo, LG and Chunghwa met or talked with at least one other Defendant in order to
23 discuss and agree upon CRT Product prices and the amount of CRT Products each would
24 produce. Over time, these Defendants reached out to the other Defendant CRT Product
25 manufacturers, including Toshiba, Panasonic, Hitachi, BMCC, IRICO, Thomson, Mitsubishi,
26 Thai CRT and Samtel, who then also met or talked with their competitors for the purpose of
27 fixing the prices of CRT Products. By 1997, a formal system of multilateral and bilateral
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1 meetings was in place, involving the highest levels of the Defendant corporations, all with the
2 sole purpose of fixing the prices of CRT Products at supracompetitive levels.

3 3. Throughout the Class Period, Defendants' conspiracy was effective in
4 moderating the normal downward pressure on prices for CRT Products caused by periods of
5 oversupply and competition from new technologies, such as TFT-LCD and Plasma.
6 Defendants' conspiracy resulted in unusually stable pricing and even rising prices in a very
7 mature, declining market. As a result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and Class
8 members paid higher prices for CRT Products than they would have paid in a competitive
9 market.

10 4. This global conspiracy is being investigated by the Antitrust Division of the
11 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ"), and by several other international competition
12 authorities. On February 10, 2009, a federal grand jury in San Francisco issued a two-count
13 indictment against C.Y. Lin, the former Chairman and CEO of Defendant Chunghwa Picture
14 Tubes, Ltd., for his participation in a global conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs used in
15 computer monitors and televisions. This is the first indictment to be issued in the DOJ's
16 ongoing investigation into the CRT industry.

17 **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18 5. This action is instituted under Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, to
19 obtain injunctive relief for violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, to recover
20 damages under state antitrust, unfair competition, and consumer protection laws, and to recover
21 costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees, for the injuries that Plaintiffs and all others
22 similarly situated sustained as a result of the Defendants' violations of those laws.

23 6. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the federal claim under 28 U.S.C.
24 §§ 1331 and 1337. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims under 28
25 U.S.C. § 1367 because those claims are so related to the federal claim that they form part of the
26 same case or controversy.

27 7. This court also has subject matter jurisdiction over the state law claims pursuant
28 to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, which amended 28 U.S.C. § 1332 to add a new

1 subsection (d) conferring federal jurisdiction over class actions where, as here, “any member of
2 a class of Plaintiffs is a citizen of a state different from any Defendant and the aggregated
3 amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.” This Court also has
4 jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d) because “one or more members of the class is a citizen of
5 a state within the United States and one or more of the Defendants is a citizen or subject of a
6 foreign state.”

7 8. Venue is proper in this Judicial District pursuant to Section 12 of the Clayton Act
8 (15 U.S.C. § 22) and 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b), (c) and (d), because during the Class Period one or
9 more of the Defendants resided, transacted business, was found, or had agents in, this district,
10 and because a substantial part of the events giving rise to Plaintiffs’ claims occurred in this
11 district, and a substantial portion of the affected portion of the interstate trade and commerce
12 described below has been carried out in this district.

13 9. Defendants conduct business throughout the United States, including this
14 jurisdiction, and they have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of the United States,
15 including specifically the laws of the state of California and the individual states listed herein.
16 Defendants’ products are sold in the flow of interstate commerce, and Defendants’ activities had
17 a direct, substantial and reasonably foreseeable effect on such commerce.

18 10. Defendants’ conspiracy to fix the prices of CRT Products substantially affected
19 commerce throughout the United States and in each of the states identified herein, because
20 Defendants directly or through their agents, engaged in activities affecting each such state.
21 Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the laws of each of the states identified
22 herein in connection with their activities relating to the production, marketing, and sale and/or
23 distribution of CRT Products. Defendants produced, promoted, sold, marketed, and/or
24 distributed CRT Products, thereby purposefully profiting from access to indirect purchaser
25 consumers in each such state. As a result of the activities described herein, Defendants:

26 a. Caused damage to the residents of the states identified herein;
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- b. Caused damage in each of the states identified herein by acts or omissions committed outside each such state and by regularly doing or soliciting business in each such state;
- c. Engaged in a persistent course of conduct within each state and/or derived substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products in each such state; and
- d. Committed acts or omissions that they knew or should have known would cause damage (and, in fact, did cause damage) in each such state while regularly doing or soliciting business in each such state, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct in each such state, and/or deriving substantial revenue from the marketing and sale of CRT Products in each such state.

11. The conspiracy described herein adversely affected every person nationwide, and more particularly, consumers in each of the states identified in this Complaint, who indirectly purchased Defendants' CRT Products. Defendants' conspiracy has resulted in an adverse monetary effect on indirect purchasers in each state identified herein.

12. Prices of CRT Products in each state identified in this Complaint were raised to supracompetitive levels by the Defendants and their co-conspirators. Defendants knew that commerce in CRT Products in each of the states identified herein would be adversely affecting by implementing their conspiracy.

III. DEFINITIONS

13. As used herein, the term "CRT" or "CRTs" stands for "cathode ray tube(s)." A CRT is a display technology used in televisions, computer monitors and other specialized applications. The CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams. When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the beams to

1 produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second to produce
2 the desired images.

3 14. There are two types of CRTs: color display tubes (“CDTs”) which are used in
4 computer monitors and other specialized applications; and color picture tubes (“CPTs”) which
5 are used in televisions. CDTs and CPTs are collectively referred to herein as “cathode ray
6 tubes” or “CRTs.”

7 15. As used herein “CRT Products” includes (a) CRTs; and (b) products containing
8 CRTs, such as television sets and computer monitors.

9 16. The “Class Period” or “relevant period” means the period beginning at least
10 March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

11 17. “Person” means any individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other
12 business or legal entity.

13 18. “OEM” means any Original Equipment Manufacturer of CRT Products.

14 **IV. PLAINTIFFS**

15 19. Plaintiff Brian Luscher is an Arizona resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
16 Luscher indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
17 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

18 20. Plaintiff Jeffrey Figone is a California resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
19 Figone indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
20 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

21 21. Plaintiff Carmen Gonzalez is a California resident. During the relevant period,
22 Ms. Gonzalez indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their
23 co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this
24 Complaint.

25 22. Plaintiff Dana Ross is a California resident. During the relevant period, Mr. Ross
26 indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators
27 and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1 23. Plaintiff Steven Ganz is a California resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
2 Ganz indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
3 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

4 24. Plaintiff Lawyers' Choice Suites, Inc. ("Law Suites") is a corporation doing
5 business in the District of Columbia. During the relevant period, Law Suites indirectly
6 purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has
7 been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

8 25. Plaintiff David Rooks is a Florida resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
9 Rooks indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
10 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

11 26. Plaintiff Daniel Riebow is a Hawaii resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
12 Riebow indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
13 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint

14 27. Plaintiff Travis Burau is an Iowa resident. During the relevant period, Mr. Burau
15 indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators
16 and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

17 28. Plaintiff Southern Office Supply, Inc. is a Kansas corporation. During the
18 relevant period, Southern Office Supply, Inc. indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or
19 more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust
20 violations alleged in this Complaint.

21 29. Plaintiff Kerry Lee Hall is a Maine resident. During the relevant period, Ms. Hall
22 indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators
23 and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

24 30. Plaintiff Lisa Reynolds is a Michigan resident. During the relevant period, Ms.
25 Reynolds indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
26 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1 31. Plaintiff David Norby is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
2 Norby indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
3 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

4 32. Plaintiff Ryan Rizzo is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
5 Rizzo indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
6 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

7 33. Plaintiff Barry Kushner is a Minnesota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
8 Kushner indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
9 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

10 34. Plaintiff Charles Jenkins is a Mississippi resident. During the relevant period,
11 Mr. Jenkins indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
12 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

13 35. Plaintiff Misti Walker is a Nebraska resident. During the relevant period, Ms.
14 Walker indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
15 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

16 36. Plaintiff Gloria Kamo is a Nevada resident. During the relevant period, Ms.
17 Kamo indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
18 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

19 37. Plaintiff Craig Stephenson is a New Mexico resident. During the relevant period,
20 Mr. Stephenson indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their
21 co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this
22 Complaint.

23 38. Plaintiff Conrad Carty is a New York resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
24 Carty indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
25 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

26 39. Plaintiff Janet Ackerman is a New York resident. During the relevant period,
27 Ms. Ackerman indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their
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1 co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this
2 Complaint.

3 40. Plaintiff Louise Wood is a New York resident. During the relevant period, Ms.
4 Wood indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
5 conspirators and had been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

6 41. Plaintiff Patricia Andrews is a North Carolina resident. During the relevant
7 period, Ms. Andrews indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or
8 their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this
9 Complaint.

10 42. Plaintiff Gary Hanson is a North Dakota resident. During the relevant period,
11 Mr. Hanson indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
12 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

13 43. Plaintiff Jeff Speaect is a South Dakota resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
14 Speaect indirectly purchased CRT products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
15 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

16 44. Plaintiff Frank Warner is a Tennessee resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
17 Warner indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
18 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

19 45. Plaintiff Albert Sidney Crigler is a Tennessee resident. During the relevant
20 period, Mr. Crigler indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or
21 their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this
22 Complaint.

23 46. Plaintiff Margaret Slagle is a Vermont resident. During the relevant period, Ms.
24 Slagle indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
25 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

26 47. Plaintiff John Larch is a West Virginia resident. During the relevant period, Mr.
27 Larch indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-
28 conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

48. Plaintiff Brigid Terry is a Wisconsin resident. During the relevant period, Ms. Terry indirectly purchased CRT Products from one or more of the Defendants or their co-conspirators and has been injured by reason of the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

V. DEFENDANTS

LG Electronics Entities

49. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of Korea with its principal place of business located at LG Twin Towers, 20 Yeouido-dong, Yeoungdeungpo-gu, Seoul 150-721, South Korea. LG Electronics, Inc. is a \$48.5 billion global force in consumer electronics, home appliances and mobile communications, which established its first overseas branch office in New York in 1968. The company's name was changed from GoldStar Communications to LG Electronics, Inc. in 1995, the year in which it also acquired Zenith in the United States. In 2001, LG Electronics, Inc. transferred its CRT business to a 50/50 CRT joint venture with Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal Philips Electronics N.V. forming Defendant LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays International, Ltd.). During the Class Period, LG Electronics, Inc. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

50. Defendant LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. ("LGEUSA") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1000 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632. LG Electronics USA, Inc. is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of LGEUSA relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

51. Defendant LG Electronics Taiwan Taipei Co., Ltd. ("LGETT") is a Taiwanese entity with its principal place of business located at 7F, No.47, Lane3, Jihu Road, NeiHu District, Taipei City, Taiwan. LGETT is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of

1 Defendant LG Electronics, Inc. During the class period, LGETT manufactured, marketed,
2 sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or
3 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant LG Electronics, Inc.
4 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of LGETT relating to the
5 antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

6 52. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc., LGEUSA, and LGETT are collectively
7 referred to herein as “LG.”

8 **Philips Entities**

9 53. Defendant Koninklijke Philips Electronics N.V. a/k/a Royal Philips Electronics
10 N.V. (“Royal Philips”) is a Dutch company with its principal place of business located at
11 Amstelplein 2, Breitner Center, 1070 MX Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Royal Philips, founded
12 in 1891, is one of the world’s largest electronics companies, with 160,900 employees located in
13 over 60 countries. Royal Philips had sole ownership of its CRT business until 2001. In 2001,
14 Royal Philips transferred its CRT business to a 50/50 CRT joint venture with defendant LG
15 Electronics, Inc. forming Defendant LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays International, Ltd.).
16 In December 2005, as a result of increased pressure on demand and prices for CRT Products,
17 Royal Philips wrote off the remaining book value of 126 million Euros of its investment and
18 said it would not inject further capital into the joint venture. During the Class Period, Royal
19 Philips manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
20 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

21 54. Defendant Philips Electronics North America Corporation (“PENAC”) is a
22 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the
23 Americas, New York, NY 10020-1104. Philips Electronics NA is a wholly owned and
24 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics
25 NA manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
26 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant
27 Royal Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of PENAC
28 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

55. Defendant Philips Electronics Industries (Taiwan), Ltd. (“Philips Electronics Taiwan”) is a Taiwanese company with its principal place of business located at 15F 3-1 Yuanqu Street, Nangang District, Taipei, Taiwan. Philips Electronics Taiwan is a subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Electronics Taiwan manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Electronics Taiwan relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

56. Defendant Philips da Amazonia Industria Electronica Ltda. (“Philips Brazil”) is a Brazilian company with its principal place of business located at Av Torquato Tapajos 2236, 1 andar (parte 1), Flores, Manaus, AM 39048-660, Brazil. Philips Brazil is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Royal Philips. During the Class Period, Philips Brazil manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Royal Philips dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Philips Brazil relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

57. Defendants Royal Philips, PENAC, Philips Electronics Taiwan, and Philips Brazil are collectively referred to herein as “Philips.”

LP Displays

58. Defendant LP Displays International, Ltd. f/k/a LG.Philips Displays (“LP Displays”) was created in 2001 as a 50/50 joint venture between Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips Electronics of The Netherlands. In March 2007, LP Displays became an independent company organized under the laws of Hong Kong with its principal place of business located at Corporate Communications, 6th Floor, ING Tower, 308 Des Voeux Road Central, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong. LP Displays is a leading supplier of CRTs for use in television sets and computer monitors with annual sales for 2006 of over \$2 billion, and a market share of 27%. LP Displays announced in March 2007 that Royal Philips and LG Electronics would cede control over the company and the shares would be owned by financial

1 institutions and private equity firms. During the Class Period, LP Displays manufactured,
2 marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
3 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

4 **Samsung Entities**

5 59. Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (“SEC”) is South Korean company
6 with its principal place of business located at Samsung Main Building, 250, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro,
7 Jung-gu, Seoul 100-742, South Korea. During the Class Period, SEC manufactured, marketed,
8 sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or
9 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

10 60. Defendant Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (“SEAI”) is a New York
11 corporation with its principal place of business located at 105 Challenger Road, 6th Floor,
12 Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660. SEAI is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of
13 defendant SEC. During the Class Period, SEAI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed
14 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers
15 throughout the United States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances,
16 policies, and affairs of SEAI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this
17 Complaint.

18 61. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. f/k/a Samsung Display Device Co., Ltd.
19 (“Samsung SDI”), is a South Korean company with its principal place of business located at 15th
20 – 18th Floor, Samsung Life Insurance Building, 150, 2-ga, Taepyong-ro, Jung-gu, Seoul, 100-
21 716, South Korea. Samsung SDI is a public company. SEC is a major shareholder holding
22 almost 20 percent of the stock. Founded in 1970, Samsung SDI claims to be the world’s leading
23 company in the display and energy businesses, with 28,000 employees and facilities in 18
24 countries. In 2002, Samsung SDI held a 34.3% worldwide market share in the market for
25 CRTs; more than another other producer. Samsung SDI has offices in Chicago and San Diego.
26 During the Class Period, Samsung SDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT
27 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers
28 throughout the United States. Defendant SEC dominated and controlled the finances,

1 policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this
2 Complaint.

3 62. Defendant Samsung SDI America, Inc. (“Samsung SDI America”) is a California
4 corporation with its principal place of business located at 3333 Michelson Drive, Suite 700,
5 Irvine, California. Samsung SDI America is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of
6 Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI America manufactured, marketed, sold
7 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or
8 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI
9 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI America
10 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

11 63. Defendant Samsung SDI Mexico S.A. de C.V. (“Samsung SDI Mexico”) is a
12 Mexican company with its principal place of business located at Blvd. Los Olivos, No.21014,
13 Parque Industrial El Florido, Tijuana, B.C. Mexico. Samsung SDI Mexico is a wholly-owned
14 and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI
15 Mexico manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either
16 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States.
17 Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and
18 affairs of Samsung SDI Mexico relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this
19 Complaint.

20 64. Defendant Samsung SDI Brasil Ltda. (“Samsung SDI Brazil”) is a Brazilian
21 company with its principal place of business located at Av. Eixo Norte Sul, S/N, Distrito
22 Industrial, 69088-480 Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. Samsung SDI Brazil is a wholly-owned and
23 controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI
24 Brazil manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products to customers, either
25 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, throughout the United States.
26 Defendants SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and
27 affairs of Samsung SDI Brazil relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this
28 Complaint.

65. Defendant Shenzhen Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Shenzhen”) is a Chinese company with its principal place of business located at Huanggang Bei Lu, Futian Gu, Shenzhen, China. Samsung SDI Shenzhen is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Shenzhen manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI Shenzhen relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

66. Defendant Tianjin Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. (“Samsung SDI Tianjin”) is a Chinese company with its principal place of business located at Developing Zone of Yi-Xian Park, Wuqing County, Tianjin, China. Samsung SDI Tianjin is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Tianjin manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI Tianjin relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

67. Defendant Samsung SDI (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (“Samsung SDI Malaysia”) is a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 635 & 660, Kawasan Perindustrian, Tuanku, Jaafar, 71450 Sungai Gadut, Negeri Semblian Darul Khusus, Malaysia. Samsung SDI Malaysia is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. During the Class Period, Samsung SDI Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant SEC and Samsung SDI dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Samsung SDI Malaysia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

68. Defendants SEC, SEAI, Samsung SDI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Mexico, Samsung SDI Brazil, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Tianjin, and Samsung SDI Malaysia are referred to collectively herein as “Samsung.”

Toshiba Entities

69. Defendant Toshiba Corporation is a Japanese corporation with its principal place of business at 1-1, Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-8001, Japan. In 2001, Toshiba Corporation held a 5-10 % worldwide market share for CRTs used in televisions and computer monitors. In December 1995, Toshiba Corporation partnered with Orion Electric Company (n/k/a Daewoo Electronics Corporation) and two other non-defendant entities to form P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia. TEDI was projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2002, Toshiba Corporation entered into a joint venture with Defendant Panasonic Corporation called MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. in which the entities consolidated their CRT businesses. During the Class Period, Toshiba Corporation manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

70. Defendant Toshiba America, Inc. (“Toshiba America”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at 1251 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 4110, New York, NY 10020. Toshiba America is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Toshiba Corporation. During the Class Period, Toshiba America sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Toshiba America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

71. Defendant Toshiba America Consumer Products, LLC (“TACP”) is headquartered in 82 Totawa Rd., Wayne, New Jersey 07470-3114. TACP is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Toshiba Corporation through Toshiba America. During the Class Period, TACP sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TACP relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

1 72. Defendant Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. (“TAIP”) is a California
2 corporation with its principal place of business located at 9740 Irvine Blvd., Irvine, California
3 92718. TAIP is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba Corporation through
4 Toshiba America, Inc. During the Class Period, TAIP manufactured, marketed, sold and/or
5 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
6 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and
7 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TAIP relating to the antitrust violations
8 alleged in this Complaint.

9 73. Defendant Toshiba America Electronics Components, Inc. (“TAEC”) is a
10 California corporation with its principal place of business located at 9775 Toledo Way, Irvine,
11 California 92618, and 19000 MacArthur Boulevard, Suite 400, Irvine, California 92612. TAEC
12 is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of Toshiba America, Inc., which is a holding
13 company for defendant Toshiba Corporation. TAEC is currently the North American sales and
14 marketing representative for defendant MTPD. Before MTPD’s formation in 2003, TAEC was
15 the North American engineering, manufacturing, marketing and sales arm of defendant Toshiba
16 Corporation. During the Class Period, TAEC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed
17 CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers
18 throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled
19 the finances, policies, and affairs of TAEC relating to the antitrust violations alleged in
20 this Complaint.

21 74. Toshiba Display Devices (Thailand) Company, Ltd. (“TDDT”) was a Thai
22 company with its principal place of business located at 142 Moo 5 Bangkadi Industrial Estate,
23 Tivanon Road, Pathum Thani, Thailand 12000. TDDT was a wholly-owned and controlled
24 subsidiary of defendant Toshiba Corporation. Toshiba Corporation transferred Toshiba
25 Thailand to its CRT joint venture with Panasonic Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in
26 2003. It was re-named as MT Picture Display (Thailand) Co., Ltd. and operated as a wholly-
27 owned subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its closure in 2007. During the Class Period,
28 TDDT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or

1 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

2 Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and
3 affairs of TDDT relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

4 75. P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) was a CRT joint venture
5 formed by Toshiba Corporation, Orion Electric Company and two other non-defendant entities
6 in December 1995. TEDI’s principal place of business was located in Indonesia. TEDI was
7 projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. In 2003, TEDI
8 was transferred to MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. and its name was changed to PT.MT Picture
9 Display Indonesia. During the Class Period, TEDI manufactured, marketed, sold and/or
10 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
11 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Toshiba Corporation dominated and
12 controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of TEDI relating to the antitrust violations
13 alleged in this Complaint.

14 76. Defendants Toshiba Corporation, Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP, TAEC,
15 TDDT and TEDI are referred to collectively herein as “Toshiba.”

16 **Panasonic Entities**

17 77. Defendant Panasonic Corporation, which was at all times during the Class Period
18 known as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. and only became Panasonic Corporation on
19 October 1, 2008, is a Japanese entity with its principal place of business located at 1006 Oaza
20 Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, Japan. In 2002, Panasonic Corporation entered into a
21 CRT joint venture with defendant Toshiba forming defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.
22 (“MTPD”). Panasonic Corporation was the majority owner with 64.5 percent. On April 3,
23 2007, Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining 35.5 percent stake in the joint venture,
24 making MTPD a wholly-owned subsidiary of Panasonic Corporation. In 2005, the Panasonic
25 brand had the highest CRT Product revenue in Japan. During the Class Period, Panasonic
26 Corporation manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
27 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

1 78. Defendant Panasonic Corporation of North America (“Panasonic NA”) is a
2 Delaware corporation with its principal place of business located at One Panasonic Way,
3 Secaucus, New Jersey. Panasonic NA is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of
4 Defendant Panasonic Corporation. During the Class Period, Panasonic NA manufactured,
5 marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its
6 subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic
7 Corporation dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Panasonic
8 NA relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

9 79. Matsushita Electronic Corporation (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd. (“Matsushita Malaysia”) was a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Persiaran Tengku
10 Ampuan Section 21, Shah Alam Industrial Site, Shah Alam, Malaysia 40000. Matsushita
11 Malaysia was a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of Defendant Panasonic Corporation.
12 Panasonic Corporation transferred Matsushita Malaysia to its CRT joint venture with Toshiba
13 Corporation, MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., in 2003. It was re-named as MT Picture Display
14 (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. and operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of MT Picture Display until its
15 closure in 2006. During the Class Period, Matsushita Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold
16 and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or
17 affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant Panasonic Corporation
18 dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Matsushita Malaysia
19 relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.
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21 80. Defendants Panasonic Corporation, Panasonic NA and Matsushita Malaysia are
22 collectively referred to herein as “Panasonic.”

23 81. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd. (“MTPD”) was established as a CRT
24 joint venture between defendants Panasonic Corporation and Toshiba. MTPD is a Japanese
25 entity with its principal place of business located at 1-1, Saiwai-cho, Takatsuki-shi, Osaka 569-
26 1193, Japan. On April 3, 2007, defendant Panasonic Corporation purchased the remaining stake
27 in MTPD, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary, and renaming it MT Picture Display Co., Ltd.
28 During the Class Period, MTPD manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products, either

1 directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United
2 States.

3 82. Defendant Beijing-Matsushita Color CRT Company, Ltd. (“BMCC”) is a
4 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at No. 9, Jiuxianqiao N. Rd.,
5 Dashanzi Chaoyang District, Beijing, China. BMCC is a joint venture company, 50% of which
6 is held by defendant MTPD. The other 50% is held by Beijing Orient Electronics (Group) Co.,
7 Ltd., China National Electronics Import & Export Beijing Company (a China state-owned
8 enterprise), and Beijing Yayunchun Branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China,
9 Ltd. (a China state-owned enterprise). Formed in 1987, BMCC was Matsushita’s (n/k/a
10 Panasonic) first CRT manufacturing facility in China. BMCC is the second largest producer of
11 CRTs in China. During the Class Period, BMCC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or
12 distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
13 customers throughout the United States.

14 **Hitachi Entities**

15 83. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. is a Japanese company with its principal place of
16 business located at 6-1 Marunouchi Center Building 13F, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8280, Japan.
17 Hitachi Ltd. is the parent company for the Hitachi brand of CRT Products. In 1996, Hitachi,
18 Ltd.’s worldwide market share for color CRTs was 20 percent. During the Class Period, Hitachi
19 Ltd. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly
20 through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

21 84. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. (“Hitachi Displays”) is a Japanese company with its
22 principal place of business located at AKS Building, 3 Kandaneibeicho 3, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo,
23 101-0022, Japan. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. was originally established as Mobara Works of Hitachi,
24 Ltd. in Mobara City, Japan, in 1943. In 2002, all the departments of planning, development,
25 design, manufacturing and sales concerned with the display business of Hitachi, Ltd. were spun
26 off to create a separate company called Hitachi Displays, Ltd. During the Class Period, Hitachi
27 Displays, Ltd. manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
28 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

1 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
2 Hitachi Displays relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

3 85. Hitachi Electronic Devices (USA), Inc. (“HEDUS”) is a Delaware corporation
4 with its principal place of business located as 1000 Hurricane Shoals Road, Ste. D-100,
5 Lawrenceville, GA 30043. HEDUS is a subsidiary of defendants Hitachi Displays, Ltd. and
6 Hitachi, Ltd. During the Class Period, HEDUS manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed
7 CRT Products to customers, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to
8 customers throughout the United States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays,
9 Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of HEDUS relating to
10 the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

11 86. Defendant Hitachi America, Ltd. (“Hitachi America”) is a New York company
12 with its principal place of business located at 2000 Sierra Point Parkway, Brisbane, California
13 94005. Hitachi America is a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd.
14 During the Class Period, Hitachi America sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly
15 or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.
16 Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of
17 Hitachi America relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

18 87. Defendant Hitachi Asia, Ltd. (“Hitachi Asia”) is a Singapore company with its
19 principal place of business located at 16 Collyer Quay, #20-00 Hitachi Tower, Singapore,
20 049318. Hitachi Asia is a wholly owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Hitachi, Ltd.
21 During the Class Period, Hitachi Asia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT
22 Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers
23 throughout the United States. Defendant Hitachi, Ltd. dominated and controlled the
24 finances, policies, and affairs of Hitachi Asia relating to the antitrust violations alleged
25 in this Complaint.

26 88. Shenzhen SEG Hitachi Color Display Devices, Ltd. (“Hitachi Shenzhen”) was a
27 Chinese company with its principal place of business located at 5001 Huanggang Road, Futian
28 District, Shenzhen 518035, China. Hitachi Displays, Ltd. owned at least a 25% interest in

1 Hitachi Shenzhen until November 8, 2007 (which was coincidentally around the time that the
2 government investigations into the CRT industry began). Thus, Hitachi Shenzhen was a
3 member of the Hitachi corporate group for all but the last two weeks of the Class Period.
4 During the Class Period, Hitachi Shenzhen manufactured, sold and distributed CRT Products,
5 either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the
6 United States. Defendants Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays dominated and controlled
7 the finances, policies, and affairs of Hitachi Shenzhen relating to the antitrust
8 violations alleged in this Complaint.

9 89. Defendants Hitachi Ltd., Hitachi Displays, Hitachi America, HEDUS, Hitachi
10 Asia, and Hitachi Shenzhen are collectively referred to herein as “Hitachi.”

11 **Tatung**

12 90. Defendant Tatung Company of America, Inc. (“Tatung America”) is a California
13 corporation with its principal place of business located at 2850 El Presidio Street, Long Beach,
14 California. Tatung America is a subsidiary of Tatung Company. Currently, Tatung Company
15 owns approximately half of Tatung America. The other half used to be owned by Lun Kuan
16 Lin, the daughter of Tatung Company’s former Chairman, T.S. Lin. Following Lun Kuan Lin’s
17 recent death, her share recently passed to her two children. During the Class Period, Tatung
18 America manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or
19 indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

20 **Chunghwa Entities**

21 91. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes Ltd. (“CPT”) is a Taiwanese company with
22 its principal place of business located at 1127 Heping Road, Bade City, Taoyuan, Taiwan. CPT
23 was founded in 1971 by Tatung Company. Throughout the majority of the Class Period, Tatung
24 Company owned a substantial share in CPT. Although Tatung Company’s holdings in CPT
25 have fallen over time, it retains substantial control over CPT’s operations. Tatung Company
26 lists Chunghwa on its website as one of its “global subsidiaries.” And the Chairman of CPT,
27 Weishan Lin, is also the Chairman and General Manager of Tatung Company. CPT is a leading
28 manufacturer of CRTs. During the Class Period, CPT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or

distributed CRT Products, both directly and through its wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries in Malaysia, China, and Scotland, to customers throughout the United States.

92. Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd. (“Chunghwa Malaysia”) is a Malaysian company with its principal place of business located at Lot 1, Subang Hi-Tech Industrial Park, Batu Tiga, 4000 Shah Alam, Selangor Darul Ehsan, Malaysia. Chunghwa Malaysia a wholly-owned and controlled subsidiary of defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes. Chunghwa Malaysia is a leading worldwide supplier of CRTs. During the Class Period, Chunghwa Malaysia manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant CPT dominated and controlled the finances, policies, and affairs of Chunghwa Malaysia relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

93. Defendants CPT and Chunghwa Malaysia are collectively referred to herein as “Chunghwa.”

IRICO Entities

94. Defendant IRICO Group Corporation (“IGC”) is a Chinese corporation with its principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province 712021. IGC is the parent company for multiple subsidiaries engaged in the manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of CRT Products. During the Class Period, IGC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

95. Defendant IRICO Display Devices Co., Ltd. (“IDDC”) is a Chinese company with its principal place of business located at No. 16, Fenghui South Road West, District High-tech Development Zone, Xi’an, SXI 710075. IDDC is a partially-owned subsidiary of defendant IGC. In 2006, IDDC was China’s top CRT maker. During the Class Period, IDDC manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC dominated and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IDDC relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

96. Defendant IRICO Group Electronics Co., Ltd. (“IGE”) is a Chinese company with its principal place of business located at 1 Caihong Rd., Xianyang City, Shaanxi Province 712021. IGE is owned by Defendant IGC. According to its website, IGE was the first CRT manufacturer in China and one of the leading global manufacturers of CRTs. Their website also claims that in 2003, they were the largest CRT manufacturer in China in terms of production and sales volume, sales revenue and aggregated profit and taxation. During the Class Period, IGE manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States. Defendant IGC dominated and controlled the finances, policies and affairs of IGE relating to the antitrust violations alleged in this Complaint.

97. Defendants IGC, IDDC, and IGE are collectively referred to herein as “IRICO.”

Thai CRT

98. Defendant Thai CRT Company, Ltd. (“Thai CRT”) is a Thai company with its principal place of business located at 1/F Siam Cement Road, Bangsue Dusit, Bangkok, Thailand. Thai CRT is a subsidiary of Siam Cement Group. It was established in 1986 as Thailand’s first manufacturer of CRTs for color televisions. During the Class Period, Thai CRT manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

Samtel

99. Defendant Samtel Color, Ltd. (“Samtel”) is an Indian company with its principal place of business located at 52, Community Centre, New Friends Colony, New Delhi-110065. Samtel’s market share for CRTs sold in India is approximately 40%. Samtel is India’s largest exporter of CRTs. Samtel has gained safety approvals from the United States, Canada, Germany and Great Britain for its CRT Products. During the Class Period, Samtel manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

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Daewoo/Orion Entities

100. During the Class Period, Orion Electric Company (“Orion”) was a major manufacturer of CRTs. Orion was a Korean corporation which filed for bankruptcy in 2004. In 1995, approximately 85% of Orion’s \$1 billion in sales was attributed to CRTs. Orion was involved in CRT Product sales and manufacturing joint ventures and had subsidiaries all over the world, including South Africa, France, Indonesia, Mexico, and the United States. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that Orion was wholly owned by the “Daewoo Group.” The Daewoo Group included Daewoo Electronics Company, Ltd., Daewoo Telecom Company, Daewoo Corporation, and Orion Electric Components Company. The Daewoo Group was dismantled in or around 1999. Daewoo Electronics and Orion were 50/50 joint venture partners in an entity called Daewoo-Orion Société Anonyme (“DOSA”) in France. As of approximately 1996, DOSA produced 1.2 million CRTs annually. Daewoo sold DOSA’s CRT business in or around 2004. In December 1995, Orion partnered with defendant Toshiba Corporation and two other non-defendant entities to form P.T. Tosummit Electronic Devices Indonesia (“TEDI”) in Indonesia. TEDI was projected to have an annual production capacity of 2.3 million CRTs by 1999. During the Class Period, Orion, Daewoo Electronics, TEDI and DOSA manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through their subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

101. Daewoo Electronics, Orion, and DOSA are collectively referred to herein as “Daewoo.”

Thomson Entities

102. Defendant Thomson SA (n/k/a Technicolor SA) (“Thomson SA”) is a French corporation with its principal place of business located at 5 Rue Jeanne d’Arc 92130 Issy-les-Moulineaux, France. Thomson SA, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Thomson Consumer Electronics Corporation, was a major manufacturer of CRTs for the United States market, with plants located in the United States, Mexico, China and Europe. Thomson SA sold its CRTs internally to its television-manufacturing division, which had plants in the United States and Mexico, and to other television manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere. Thomson

SA's television division also purchased CRTs from other CRT manufacturers. Thomson SA's CRT televisions were sold in the United States to consumers under the RCA brand. In November 2003, Thomson SA sold its television division to a joint venture it formed with Chinese company, TCL Corporation. The joint venture was called TCL-Thomson Electronics Corporation ("TCL-Thomson"). TCL took a 67 percent stake in the joint venture, with Thomson SA holding the rest of the shares. As part of the joint venture agreement, the parties agreed that televisions made by TCL-Thomson would be marketed under the TCL brand in Asia and the Thomson and RCA brands in Europe and North America, respectively. In July 2005, Thomson SA sold its CRT business to Videocon. During the Class Period, Thomson SA manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

103. Defendant Thomson Consumer Electronics, Inc. (n/k/a Technicolor USA, Inc.) ("Thomson Consumer Electronics") is a U.S. corporation with its principal place of business located at 10330 N Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46290-1024. Thomson Consumer Electronics is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Thomson SA. Thomson Consumer Electronics was a major manufacturer of CRTs for the United States market, with plants located in Scranton, PA, Marion, IN and Mexicali, Mexico. The United States-based plants were closed in 2004. Thomson Consumer Electronics sold its CRTs internally to its own television-manufacturing division, which had plants in the United States and Mexico, and to other television manufacturers in the United States and elsewhere. Thomson's CRT televisions were sold in the United States to United States consumers under the RCA brand. Thomson Consumer Electronic's television business was sold to TCL-Thomson in 2003, and its CRT business was sold to Videocon in 2005. During the Class Period, Thomson Consumer Electronics manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

104. Thomson SA and Thomson Consumer Electronics are collectively referred to herein as "Thomson."

Videocon

105. Defendant Videocon Industries, Ltd. (“Videocon”) is an Indian corporation with its principal place of business located at 14 Kms Stone, Aurangabad-Paithan Road, Chitegaon, Tq. Paithan, Dist. Aurangabad - 431 105, India. In July 2005, Videocon acquired Thomson’s CRT businesses, which included manufacturing facilities in Poland, Italy, Mexico, and China. Videocon manufactured its CRTs for the United States market in Thomson’s former CRT plants in Mexicali, Mexico and China. Videocon sold these CRTs primarily to the joint venture, TCL-Thomson, which manufactured CRT televisions for the U.S. market in Juarez, Mexico, and which it sold under the RCA brand. During the Class Period, Videocon manufactured, marketed, sold and/or distributed CRT Products, either directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries or affiliates, to customers throughout the United States.

Mitsubishi Entities

106. Defendant Mitsubishi Electric Corporation (“Mitsubishi Electric Japan”) is a Japanese corporation located at Building, 2-7-3, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8310, Japan. Mitsubishi Electric Japan and its subsidiaries manufactured CRTs in factories located in Japan, Taiwan, Mexico and Canada for sale in the United States. These CRTs were sold internally to Mitsubishi’s television and monitor manufacturing division and to other television and monitor manufacturers in the U.S. and elsewhere. Mitsubishi’s television and monitor division also purchased CRTs from other CRT manufacturers. During the Class Period, Mitsubishi Electric Japan manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products in the United States.

107. Defendant Mitsubishi Electric & Electronics USA, Inc. (“Mitsubishi Electric USA”) is a United States corporation located at 5665 Plaza Drive, Cypress, CA 90630. Mitsubishi Electric USA is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric Japan. Mitsubishi Electric USA manufactured CRTs for the United States market in plants located in Mexicali, Mexico and Ontario, Canada. Mitsubishi Electric USA sold its CRTs internally to its television and monitor manufacturing division and to other television and monitor manufacturers in the U.S. and elsewhere. Mitsubishi’s television and monitor division also purchased CRTs from

1 other CRT manufacturers. During the Class Period, Mitsubishi Electric USA manufactured,
2 marketed, sold and distributed CRT Products in the United States.

3 108. Defendant Mitsubishi Digital Electronics America, Inc. (“Mitsubishi Digital”) is
4 a United States corporation located at 9351 Jeronimo Road, Irvine, CA 92618. Mitsubishi
5 Digital is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Mitsubishi Electric USA. During the Class Period,
6 Mitsubishi Digital manufactured, marketed, sold and distributed CRTs and CRT televisions and
7 monitors in the United States.

8 109. Mitsubishi Electric Japan, Mitsubishi Electric USA and Mitsubishi Digital are
9 collectively referred to herein as “Mitsubishi.”

10 110. All of the above-listed defendants are collectively referred to herein as
11 “Defendants.”

12 **VI. AGENTS AND CO-CONSPIRATORS**

13 111. Various other persons, firms and corporations, not named as Defendants herein,
14 and presently unknown to Plaintiffs, have participated as co-conspirators with Defendants and
15 have performed acts and made statements in furtherance of the conspiracy and/or in furtherance
16 of the anticompetitive, unfair or deceptive conduct. Plaintiffs reserve the right to name some or
17 all of these Persons as Defendants at a later date.

18 112. Whenever in this Complaint reference is made to any act, deed or transaction of
19 any corporation, the allegation means that the corporation engaged in the act, deed or transaction
20 by or through its officers, directors, agents, employees or representatives while they were
21 actively engaged in the management, direction, control or transaction of the corporation’s
22 business or affairs.

23 113. Defendants are also liable to acts done in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy by
24 companies they acquired through mergers or acquisitions.
25 Each of the Defendants named herein acted as the agent or joint venturer of or for the other
26 Defendants with respect to the acts, violations and common course of conduct alleged herein.
27 Each Defendant which is a subsidiary of a foreign parent acts as the sole United States agent for
28 CRT Products made by its parent company.

1 **VII. INTERSTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE**

2 114. Throughout the Class Period, each Defendant, or one or more of its subsidiaries,
3 sold CRT Products in the United States in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate and
4 international commerce, including through and into this judicial district.

5 115. During the Class Period, Defendants collectively controlled the vast majority of
6 the market for CRT Products, both globally and in the United States.

7 116. Defendants' unlawful activities, as described herein, took place within the flow
8 of interstate commerce to purchasers of CRT Products located in states other than the states in
9 which Defendants are located, as well as throughout the world, and had a direct, substantial and
10 reasonably foreseeable effect upon interstate and international commerce, including the United
11 States markets for CRT Products.

12 **VIII. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

13 **A. CRT Technology**

14 117. CRT technology was first developed more than a century ago. The first
15 commercially practical CRT television was made in 1931. It was not until the RCA Corporation
16 introduced the product at the 1939 World's Fair, however, that it became widely available to
17 consumers. Since then, CRTs have become the heart of most display products, including
18 televisions, computer monitors, oscilloscopes, air traffic control monitors, and ATMs. Even
19 large public displays, including many scoreboards at sports arenas, are comprised of thousands
20 of single color CRTs.

21 118. As noted above, the CRT is a vacuum tube that is coated on its inside face with
22 light sensitive phosphors. An electron gun at the back of the vacuum tube emits electron beams.
23 When the electron beams strike the phosphors, the phosphors produce either red, green, or blue
24 light. A system of magnetic fields inside the CRT, as well as varying voltages, directs the
25 beams to produce the desired colors. This process is rapidly repeated several times per second
26 to produce the desired images.

1 119. The quality of a CRT display is dictated by the quality of the CRT itself. No
2 external control or feature can make up for a poor quality tube. In this regard, the CRT defines
3 the whole product such that the product is often simply referred to as “the CRT.”

4 120. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays,
5 including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the
6 sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

7 **B. Structural Characteristics Of The CRT Market**

8 121. The structural characteristics of the CRT Product market are conducive to the
9 type of collusive activity alleged in this Complaint. These characteristics include market
10 concentration, ease of information sharing, the consolidation of manufacturers, multiple
11 interrelated business relationships, significant barriers to entry, maturity of the CRT Product
12 market, and homogeneity of products.

13 **a. Market Concentration**

14 122. During the Class Period, the CRT industry was dominated by relatively few
15 companies. In 2004, defendants Samsung SDI, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays), MT
16 Picture Display and Chunghwa together held a collective 78% share of the global CRT market.
17 The high concentration of market share facilitates coordination since there are fewer cartel
18 members among which to coordinate pricing or allocate markets, and it is easier to monitor the
19 pricing and production of other cartel members.

20 **b. Information Sharing**

21 123. Because of common membership in trade associations for the CRT Product
22 market and related markets (for e.g., TFT-LCD), interrelated business arrangements such as
23 joint ventures, allegiances between companies in certain countries, and relationships between
24 the executives of certain companies, there were many opportunities for Defendants to discuss
25 and exchange competitive information. The ease of communication was facilitated by the use of
26 meetings, telephone calls, e-mails, and instant messages. Defendants took advantage of these
27 opportunities to discuss and agree upon their pricing for CRT Products.
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1 124. Defendants Chunghwa, Hitachi and Samsung are all members of the Society for
2 Information Display. Defendants Samsung and LG Electronics, Inc. are two of the co-founders
3 of the Korea Display Industry Association. Similarly, Daewoo, LG Electronics, LP Displays,
4 and Samsung are members of the Electronic Display Industrial Research Association. Upon
5 information and belief, Defendants used these trade associations as vehicles for discussing and
6 agreeing upon their pricing for CRT Products. At the meetings of these trade associations,
7 Defendants exchanged proprietary and competitively sensitive information which they used to
8 implement and monitor the conspiracy.

9 **c. Consolidation**

10 125. The CRT Product industry also had significant consolidation during the Class
11 Period, including but not limited to: (a) the creation of LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a LP Displays)
12 in 2001 as a joint venture between Royal Philips and LG Electronics, Inc.; and (b) the 2002
13 merger of Toshiba and Matsushita/Panasonic's CRT business into MTPD.

14 126. Defendants also consolidated their manufacturing facilities in lower cost venues
15 such as China and reduced manufacturing capacity to prop up prices.

16 **d. Multiple Interrelated Business Relationships**

17 127. The CRT Product industry has a close-knit nature whereby multiple business
18 relationships between supposed competitors blur the lines of competition and provided ample
19 opportunity to collude. These business relationships also created a unity of interest among
20 competitors so that the conspiracy was easier to implement and enforce than if such
21 interrelationships did not exist.

22 128. Examples of the high degree of cooperation among Defendants in both the CRT
23 Product market and other closely related markets include the following:

24 a. The formation of the CRT joint venture LG.Philips Displays in 2001 by
25 Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips.

26 b. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Royal Philips also formed
27 LG.Philips LCD Co., Ltd., n/k/a LG Display Co., Ltd. in 1999 as a joint venture for the purpose
28 of manufacturing TFT-LCD panels.

c. The formation of the CRT joint venture MTPD in 2003 by Defendants Toshiba and Panasonic.

d. Defendants Toshiba and Panasonic also formed Toshiba-Matsushita Display Technology Co., Ltd. as a joint venture for the purpose of manufacturing TFT-LCD panels.

e. In December 1995, Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba partnered with two other non-Defendant entities to form TEDI which manufactured CRTs in Indonesia.

f. Defendants Daewoo and Toshiba also signed a cooperative agreement relating to LCDs in 1995. Pursuant to the agreement, Daewoo produced STN LCDs, and Toshiba, which had substituted its STN LCD production with TFT LCD production, marketed Daewoo's STN LCDs globally through its network.

g. Also in 1995, Defendant Chunghwa entered into a technology transfer agreement with Defendant Toshiba for large CPTs.

h. Defendant Chunghwa has a joint venture with Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. for the production of liquid crystal display panels. Chunghwa now licenses the technology from Defendant Royal Philips, a recent development that helped resolve a patent infringement suit filed in 2002.

i. Defendants LG Electronics, Inc. and Hitachi Ltd. entered into a joint venture in 2000 for the manufacture, sale and distribution of optical storage products such as DVD drives.

j. Defendant Samtel participates in a joint venture, Samcor Glass Limited, with Defendant Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. and non-Defendant Corning Inc., USA for the production and supply of picture tube glass.

k. Defendant Samtel claims to have supplied CRTs to Defendants LG Electronics, Inc., Samsung, Royal Philips, and Panasonic.

e. High Costs Of Entry Into The Industry

129. There are substantial barriers to entry in the CRT Products industry. It would require substantial time, resources and industry knowledge to even potentially overcome the

1 barriers to entry. It is also extremely unlikely that a new producer would enter the market in
2 light of the declining demand for CRT Products.

3 **f. The Maturity Of The CRT Product Market**

4 130. Newer industries are typically characterized by rapid growth, innovation and high
5 profits. The CRT Product market is a mature one, and like many mature industries, is
6 characterized by slim profit margins, creating a motivation to collude.

7 131. Demand for CRT Products was declining throughout the Class Period. Static or
8 declining demand is another factor which makes the formation of a collusive arrangement more
9 likely because it provides a greater incentive to firms to avoid price competition.

10 132. In addition, conventional CRT televisions and computer monitors were being
11 rapidly replaced by TFT-LCD and Plasma displays. This was one of the factors which led
12 Defendants to engage in this alleged price fixing scheme in order to slow down declining CRT
13 Product prices. Between 2000 and 2006, revenues from the sale of CRT televisions in the
14 United States declined by 50.7 percent and are predicted to decline by an additional 84.5 percent
15 between 2006 and 2010.

16 133. Although demand was declining as a result of the popularity of flat-panel
17 LCD/plasma televisions and LCD monitors, CRT televisions and monitors were still the
18 dominant display technology during the Class Period, making Defendants' collusion and the
19 international price fixing conspiracy worthwhile. Due to the high costs of LCD panels and
20 plasma displays during the Class Period, a substantial market for CRT Products existed as a
21 cheaper alternative to these new technologies.

22 134. In 1999, CRT monitors accounted for 94.5 percent of the retail market for
23 computer monitors in North America. By 2002, that figure had dropped to 73 percent; still a
24 substantial share of the market.

25 135. As for CRT televisions, they accounted for 73 percent of the North American
26 television market in 2004, and by the end of 2006, still held a 46 percent market share. CRT
27 televisions continue to dominate the global television market, accounting for 75 percent of
28 worldwide TV units in 2006.

1 **g. Homogeneity Of CRT Products**

2 136. CRT Products are commodity-like products which are manufactured in
3 standardized sizes. One Defendant's CRT Products for a particular application, such as a
4 particular size television set or computer monitor, is substitutable for another's. Defendants sell
5 and Plaintiffs (and Class members) purchase CRT Products primarily on the basis of price.

6 137. It is easier to form and sustain a cartel when the product in question is
7 commodity-like because it is easier to agree on prices to charge and to monitor those prices once
8 an agreement is formed.

9 **C. Pre-Conspiracy Market**

10 138. The genesis of the CRT conspiracy was in the late 1980s as the CRT Products
11 business became more international and the Defendants began serving customers that were also
12 being served by other international companies. During this period, the employees of Defendants
13 would encounter employees from their competitors when visiting their customers. A culture of
14 cooperation developed over the years and these Defendant employees would exchange market
15 information on production, capacity, and customers.

16 139. In the early 1990s, representatives from Samsung, Daewoo, Chunghwa and
17 Orion visited each other's factories in S.E. Asia. During this period, these producers began to
18 include discussions about price in their meetings. The pricing discussions were usually limited,
19 however, to exchanges of the range of prices that each competitor had quoted to specific
20 customers.

21 **D. Defendants' And Co-Conspirators' Illegal Agreements**

22 140. Plaintiffs are informed and believe, and thereon allege, that in order to control
23 and maintain profitability during declining demand for CRT Products, Defendants and their co-
24 conspirators have engaged in a contract, combination, trust or conspiracy, the effect of which
25 has been to raise, fix, maintain and/or stabilize the prices at which they sold CRT Products to
26 artificially inflated levels from at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

27 141. The CRT conspiracy was effectuated through a combination of group and
28 bilateral meetings. In the formative years of the conspiracy (1995-1996), bilateral discussions

1 were the primary method of communication and took place on an informal, ad hoc basis.

2 During this period, representatives from Defendants LG, Samsung and Daewoo visited the other
3 Defendant manufacturers including Philips, Chunghwa, Thai CRT, Hitachi, Toshiba, Mitsubishi
4 and Panasonic to discuss increasing prices for CRT Products in general and to specific
5 customers. These meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand, Japan, Malaysia,
6 Indonesia, and Singapore.

7 142. Defendants Samsung, Chunghwa, LG, Mitsubishi and Daewoo also attended
8 several ad hoc group meetings during this period. The participants at these group meetings also
9 discussed increasing prices for CRT Products.

10 143. As more manufacturers formally entered the conspiracy, group meetings became
11 more prevalent. Beginning in 1997, the Defendants began to meet in a more organized,
12 systematic fashion, and a formal system of multilateral and bilateral meetings was put in place.
13 Defendants' representatives attended hundreds of these meetings during the Class Period.

14 144. The overall CRT conspiracy raised and stabilized worldwide prices (including
15 United States prices) that Defendants charged for CRT Products.

16 **a. "Glass Meetings"**

17 145. The group meetings among the participants in the CRT price-fixing conspiracy
18 were referred to by the participants as "Glass Meetings" or "GSM." Glass Meetings were
19 attended by employees at three general levels of the Defendants' corporations.

20 146. The first level of these meetings were attended by high level company executives
21 including CEOs, Presidents, and Vice Presidents, and were known as "Top Meetings." Top
22 Meetings occurred less frequently, typically quarterly, and were focused on longer term
23 agreements and forcing compliance with price fixing agreements. Because attendees at Top
24 Meetings had authority as well as more reliable information, these meetings resulted in
25 agreements. Attendees at Top Meetings were also able to resolve disputes because they were
26 decision makers who could make agreements.

27 147. The second level of meetings were attended by the Defendants' high level sales
28 managers and were known as "Management Meetings." These meetings occurred more

1 frequently, typically monthly, and handled implementation of the agreements made at Top
2 Meetings.

3 148. Finally, the third level of meetings were known as “Working Level Meetings”
4 and were attended by lower level sales and marketing employees. These meetings generally
5 occurred on a weekly or monthly basis and were mostly limited to the exchange of information
6 and discussing pricing since the lower level employees did not have the authority to enter into
7 agreements. These lower level employees would then transmit the competitive information up
8 the corporate reporting chain to those individuals with pricing authority. The Working Level
9 Meetings also tended to be more regional and often took place near Defendants’ factories. In
10 other words, the Taiwanese manufacturers’ employees met in Taiwan, the Korean
11 manufacturers’ employees met in Korea, the Chinese in China, and so on.

12 a. The Chinese Glass Meetings began in 1998 and generally occurred on a
13 monthly basis following a top or management level meeting. The China meetings had the
14 principal purpose of reporting what had been decided at the most recent Glass Meeting to the
15 Chinese manufacturers. Participants at the Chinese meetings included the manufacturers located
16 in China, such as IRICO and BMCC, as well as the China-based branches of the other
17 Defendants, including but not limited to Hitachi Shenzhen, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, Samsung
18 SDI Tianjin, and Chunghwa.

19 b. Glass Meetings also occurred occasionally in various European countries.
20 Attendees at these meetings included those Defendants which had subsidiaries and/or
21 manufacturing facilities located in Europe, including Philips, LG, LP Displays, Chunghwa,
22 Samsung, Daewoo (usually DOSA attended these meetings on behalf of Daewoo), IRICO,
23 Thomson and, from 2005, Videocon.

24 149. Representatives of the Defendants also attended what were known amongst
25 members of the conspiracy as “Green Meetings.” These were meetings held on golf courses.
26 The Green Meetings were generally attended by top and management level employees of the
27 Defendants.
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1 150. During the Class Period, Glass Meetings took place in Taiwan, South Korea,
2 Europe, China, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia and the United States.

3 151. Participants would often exchange competitively sensitive information prior to a
4 Glass Meeting. This included information on inventories, production, sales and exports. For
5 some such meetings, where information could not be gathered in advance of the meeting, it was
6 brought to the meeting and shared.

7 152. The Glass Meetings at all levels followed a fairly typical agenda. First, the
8 participants exchanged competitive information such as proposed future CRT pricing, sales
9 volume, inventory levels, production capacity, exports, customer orders, price trends, and
10 forecasts of sales volumes for coming months. The participants also updated the information
11 they had provided in the previous meeting. Each meeting had a rotating, designated “Chairman”
12 who would write the information on a white board. The meeting participants then used this
13 information to discuss and agree upon what price each would charge for CRTs to be sold in the
14 following month or quarter. They discussed and agreed upon target prices, price increases, so-
15 called “bottom” prices, and price ranges for CRTs. They also discussed and agreed upon prices
16 of CRTs that were sold to specific customers, and agreed upon target prices to be used in
17 negotiations with large customers. Having analyzed the supply and demand, the participants
18 would also discuss and agree upon production cutbacks.

19 153. During periods of oversupply, the focus of the meeting participants turned to
20 making controlled and coordinated price reductions. This was referred to as setting a “bottom
21 price.”

22 154. Defendants’ conspiracy included agreements on the prices at which certain
23 Defendants would sell CRTs to their own corporate subsidiaries and affiliates that manufactured
24 end products, such as televisions and computer monitors. Defendants realized the importance of
25 keeping the internal pricing to their affiliated OEMs at a high enough level to support the CRT
26 pricing in the market to other OEMs. In this way, Defendants ensured that all direct purchaser
27 OEMs paid supracompetitive prices for CRTs.

1 155. Each of the participants in these meetings knew, and in fact discussed, the
2 significant impact that the price of CRTs had on the cost of the finished products into which
3 they were placed. Like CRTs themselves, the market for CRT Products was a mature one, and
4 there were slim profit margins. The Defendants therefore concluded that in order to make their
5 CRT price increases stick, they needed to make the increase high enough that their direct
6 customers (CRT TV and monitor makers) would be able to justify a corresponding price
7 increase to their customers. In this way, Defendants ensured that price increases for CRTs were
8 passed on to indirect purchasers of CRT Products.

9 156. The agreements reached at the Glass Meetings included:

- 10 a. agreements on CRT Product prices, including establishing target prices,
11 “bottom” prices, price ranges, and price guidelines;
- 12 b. placing agreed-upon price differentials on various attributes of CRT
13 Products, such as quality or certain technical specifications;
- 14 c. agreements on pricing for intra-company CRT Product sales to vertically
15 integrated customers;
- 16 d. agreements as to what to tell customers about the reason for a price
17 increase;
- 18 e. agreements to coordinate with competitors that did not attend the group
19 meetings and agreements with them to abide by the agreed-upon pricing;
- 20 f. agreements to coordinate pricing with CRT manufacturers in other
21 geographic markets such as Brazil, Europe and India;
- 22 g. agreements to exchange pertinent information regarding shipments,
23 capacity, production, prices and customers demands;
- 24 h. agreements to coordinate uniform public statements regarding available
25 capacity and supply;
- 26 i. agreements to allocate both overall market shares and share of a particular
27 customer’s purchases;
- 28 j. agreements to allocate customers;

- k. agreements regarding capacity, including agreements to restrict output and to audit compliance with such agreements; and
- l. agreements to keep their meetings secret.

157. Efforts were made to monitor each Defendant's adherence to these agreements in a number of ways, including seeking confirmation of pricing both from customers and from employees of the Defendants themselves. When cheating did occur, it was addressed in at least four ways: 1) monitoring; 2) attendees at the meetings challenging other attendees if they did not live up to an agreement; 3) threats to undermine a competitor at one of its principal customers; and 4) a recognition in a mutual interest in living up to the target price and living up to the agreements that had been made.

158. As market conditions worsened in 2005-2007, and the rate of replacement of CRT Products by TFT-LCDs increased, the group Glass Meetings became less frequent and bilateral meetings again became more prevalent. In addition, in December 2006 the DOJ issued subpoenas to manufacturers of TFT-LCDs and so the CRT co-conspirators began to have concerns about antitrust issues.

b. Bilateral Discussions

159. Throughout the Class Period, the Glass Meetings were supplemented by bilateral discussions between various Defendants. The bilateral discussions were more informal than the group meetings and occurred on a frequent, ad hoc basis, often between the group meetings. These discussions, usually between sales and marketing employees, took the form of in-person meetings, telephone contacts and emails.

160. During the Class Period, in-person bilateral meetings took place in Malaysia, Indonesia, Taiwan, China, United Kingdom, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, Thailand, Brazil, Mexico and the United States.

161. The purpose of the bilateral discussions was to exchange information about past and future pricing, confirm production levels, share sales order information, confirm pricing rumors, and coordinate pricing with manufacturers in other geographic locations, including Brazil, Mexico, Europe and the United States.

1 162. In order to ensure the efficacy of their global conspiracy, the Defendants also
2 used bilateral meetings to coordinate pricing with CRT Product manufacturers in Brazil, Mexico
3 and the United States, such as Philips, Samsung SDI, Thomson, Mitsubishi and later, LPD (from
4 2001) and Videocon (from 2005). . These CRT manufacturers were particularly important
5 because they served the North American market for CRT Products. As further alleged herein,
6 North America was the largest market for CRT televisions and computer monitors during the
7 Class Period. Because these manufacturers were all wholly-owned and controlled subsidiaries
8 of Defendants Philips, Samsung SDI, Thomson, Mitsubishi and LPD, they adhered to the
9 unlawful price-fixing agreements. In this way, the Defendants ensured that prices of all CRT
10 Products sold in the United States were fixed, raised, maintained and/or stabilized at
11 supracompetitive levels.

12 163. Defendants also used bilateral discussions with each other during price
13 negotiations with customers to avoid being persuaded by customers to cut prices. The
14 information gained in these communications was then shared with supervisors and taken into
15 account in determining the price to be offered.

16 164. Bilateral discussions were also used to coordinate prices with CRT Product
17 manufacturers that did not ordinarily attend the group meetings, such as Defendants Hitachi,
18 Toshiba, Panasonic, Thai CRT, Samtel, Thomson, Mitsubishi and later Videocon. It was often
19 the case that in the few days following a Top or Management Meeting, the attendees at these
20 group meetings would meet bilaterally with the other Defendant manufacturers for the purpose
21 of communicating whatever CRT Product pricing and/or output agreements had been reached
22 during the meeting. For example, Samsung had a relationship with Hitachi and was responsible
23 for communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Hitachi. LG had a relationship with
24 Toshiba and was responsible for communicating CRT Product pricing agreements to Toshiba.
25 And Thai CRT had a relationship with Samtel and was responsible for communicating CRT
26 Product pricing agreements to Samtel. Hitachi, Toshiba and Samtel implemented the agreed-
27 upon pricing as conveyed by Samsung, LG, and Thai CRT. Sometimes Hitachi and Toshiba
28 also attended the Glass Meetings. Similarly, Philips had regular bilateral communications with

1 Thomson in Europe and the United States, and Samsung SDI had regular communications with
2 Mitsubishi. In this way, Hitachi, Toshiba, Samtel, Thomson and Mitsubishi participated in the
3 conspiracy to fix prices of CRT Products.

4 **c. Defendants' And Co-Conspirators' Participation In Group And Bilateral**
5 **Discussions**

6 165. Between at least 1995 and 2007, Defendant Samsung, through SEC, Samsung
7 SDI, Samsung SDI Malaysia, Samsung SDI Shenzhen, and Samsung SDI Tianjin, participated
8 in at least 200 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were
9 attended by the highest ranking executives from Samsung. Samsung also engaged in bilateral
10 discussions with each of the other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions,
11 Samsung agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products.

12 166. Defendants SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung
13 SDI Mexico were represented at those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at
14 them. To the extent SEC and SEAI sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they played a
15 significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT
16 Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the CRT pricing agreements reached at
17 the Glass Meetings. Thus, SEAI, Samsung SDI America, Samsung SDI Brazil, and Samsung
18 SDI Mexico were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

19 167. Between at least 1995 and 2001, Defendant LG, through LG Electronics, Inc. and
20 LGETT, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, LG participated in
21 the CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with Philips, LG.Philips Displays (n/k/a
22 LP Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by the highest ranking
23 executives from LG. LG also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other Defendants
24 on a regular basis. Through these discussions, LG agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT
25 Products. LG never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

26 168. Defendant LGEUSA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the
27 agreements entered at them. To the extent LGEUSA sold and/or distributed CRT Products, they
28 played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices

1 for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached
2 at the Glass Meetings. Thus, LGEUSA was an active, knowing participant in the alleged
3 conspiracy.

4 169. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Philips, through Royal Philips and
5 Philips Taiwan, participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. After 2001, Philips
6 participated in the CRT Product conspiracy through its joint venture with LG, LG.Philips
7 Displays (n/k/a LP Displays). A substantial number of these meetings were attended by high
8 level executives from Philips. Philips also engaged in numerous bilateral discussions with other
9 Defendants. Through these discussions, Philips agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT
10 Products. Philips never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

11 170. Defendants PENAC and Philips Brazil were represented at those meetings and
12 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent PENAC and Philips Brazil sold
13 and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the
14 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct
15 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,
16 PENAC and Philips Brazil were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

17 171. Between at least 2001 and 2006, Defendant LP Displays (f/k/a LG.Philips
18 Displays) participated at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these
19 meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from LP Displays. Certain of these
20 high level executives from LP Displays had previously attended meetings on behalf of
21 defendants LG and Philips. LP Displays also engaged in bilateral discussions with other
22 Defendants. Through these discussions, LP Displays agreed on prices and supply levels for
23 CRT Products.

24 172. Between at least 1995 and 2006, Defendant Chunghwa, through CPT, Chunghwa
25 Malaysia, and representatives from their factories in Fuzhuo (China) and Scotland, participated
26 in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of these meetings were
27 attended by the highest ranking executives from Chunghwa, including the former Chairman and
28 CEO of CPT, C.Y. Lin. Chunghwa also engaged in bilateral discussions with each of the other

1 Defendants on a regular basis. Through these discussions, Chunghwa agreed on prices and
2 supply levels for CRT Products.

3 173. Defendant Tatung America was represented at those meetings and was a party to
4 the agreements entered at them. To the extent Tatung America sold and/or distributed CRT
5 Products to direct purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants
6 wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut
7 the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Tatung America was an active,
8 knowing participant in the alleged conspiracy.

9 174. Between at least 1995 and 2004, Daewoo, through Daewoo Electronics, Orion
10 and DOSA, participated in at least 100 Glass Meetings at all levels. A substantial number of
11 these meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from Daewoo. Daewoo also
12 engaged in bilateral discussions with other Defendants on a regular basis. Through these
13 discussions, Daewoo agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Bilateral
14 discussions with Daewoo continued until Orion, its wholly-owned CRT subsidiary, filed for
15 bankruptcy in 2004. Daewoo never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

16 175. Between at least 1995 and 2003, Defendant Toshiba, through Toshiba
17 Corporation, TDDT and TEDI, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Toshiba
18 participated in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Panasonic, MTPD. These
19 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Toshiba and MTPD. Toshiba also
20 engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with LG. Through
21 these discussions, Toshiba agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Toshiba never
22 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

23 176. Defendants Toshiba America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC were represented at
24 those meetings and were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Toshiba
25 America, Inc., TACP, TAIP and TAEC sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct
26 purchasers, they played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure
27 that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing
28

1 agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Toshiba America, TACP, TAIP, and TAEC
2 were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

3 177. Between at least 1996 and 2001, Defendant Hitachi, through Hitachi, Ltd.,
4 Hitachi Displays, Hitachi Shenzhen, and Hitachi Asia, participated in several Glass Meetings.
5 These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Hitachi. Hitachi also engaged
6 in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Samsung. Through
7 these discussions, Hitachi agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Hitachi never
8 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

9 178. Defendants Hitachi America and HEDUS were represented at those meetings and
10 were a party to the agreements entered at them. To the extent Hitachi America and HEDUS
11 sold and/or distributed CRT Products to direct purchasers, they played a significant role in the
12 conspiracy because Defendants wished to ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct
13 purchasers would not undercut the pricing agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus,
14 Hitachi America and HEDUS were active, knowing participants in the alleged conspiracy.

15 179. Between at least 1996 and 2003, Defendant Panasonic (known throughout the
16 class period as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.), through Panasonic Corporation and
17 Matsushita Malaysia, participated in several Glass Meetings. After 2003, Panasonic participated
18 in the CRT conspiracy through its joint venture with Toshiba, MTPD. These meetings were
19 attended by high level sales managers from Panasonic and MTPD. Panasonic also engaged in
20 multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, Panasonic
21 agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Panasonic never effectively withdrew
22 from this conspiracy.

23 180. Panasonic NA was represented at those meetings and was a party to the
24 agreements entered at them. To the extent Panasonic NA sold and/or distributed CRT Products
25 to direct purchasers, it played a significant role in the conspiracy because Defendants wished to
26 ensure that the prices for CRT Products paid by direct purchasers would not undercut the pricing
27 agreements reached at the Glass Meetings. Thus, Panasonic NA was an active, knowing
28 participant in the alleged conspiracy.

1 181. Between at least 2003 and 2006, Defendant MTPD participated in multiple Glass
2 Meetings and in fact led many of these meetings during the latter years of the conspiracy. These
3 meetings were attended by high level sales managers from MTPD. MTPD also engaged in
4 bilateral discussions with other Defendants. Through these discussions, MTPD agreed on prices
5 and supply levels for CRT Products.

6 182. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant BMCC participated in multiple Glass
7 Meetings. These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from BMCC. BMCC
8 also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly the other
9 Chinese CRT manufacturers. Through these discussions, BMCC agreed on prices and supply
10 levels for CRT Products. None of BMCC's conspiratorial conduct in connection with CRT
11 Products was mandated by the Chinese government. BMCC was acting to further its own
12 independent private interests in participating in the alleged conspiracy.

13 183. Between at least 1998 and 2007, Defendant IRICO, through IGC, IGE, and
14 IDDC, participated in multiple Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest
15 ranking executives from IRICO. IRICO also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with
16 other Defendants, particularly with other Chinese manufacturers. Through these discussions,
17 IRICO agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. None of IRICO's conspiratorial
18 conduct in connection with CRT Products was mandated by the Chinese government. IRICO
19 was acting to further its own independent private interests in participating in the alleged
20 conspiracy.

21 184. Between at least 1997 and 2006, Defendant Thai CRT participated in multiple
22 Glass Meetings. These meetings were attended by the highest ranking executives from Thai
23 CRT. Thai CRT also engaged in multiple bilateral discussions with other Defendants,
24 particularly with Samtel. Through these discussions, Thai CRT agreed on prices and supply
25 levels for CRT Products. Thai CRT never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

26 185. Between at least 1998 and 2006, Defendant Samtel participated in multiple
27 bilateral discussions with other Defendants, particularly with Thai CRT. These meetings were
28 attended by high level executives from Samtel. Through these discussions, Samtel agreed on

1 prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Samtel never effectively withdrew from this
2 conspiracy.

3 186. Between at least 1996 and 2005, Defendant Thomson participated in at least 61
4 meetings with its competitors, including several Glass Meetings and multiple bilateral meetings.
5 These meetings were attended by high level sales managers from Thomson. At these meetings,
6 Thomson discussed such things as CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand,
7 inventories, estimated sales, plant shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product
8 development and agreed on prices and supply levels for CRT Products. Thomson never
9 effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

10 187. Between 2005 and 2007, Videocon participated in several Glass Meetings and
11 multiple bilateral meetings with its competitors. These meetings were attended by high level
12 sales managers from Videocon. At these meetings, Videocon discussed such things as CRT
13 prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant shutdowns,
14 customer allocation, and new product development, and agreed on prices and supply levels for
15 CRT Products. Videocon never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

16 188. Between at least 1995 and 2005, Defendant Mitsubishi participated in multiple
17 bilateral and some multilateral meetings with its competitors. These meetings were attended by
18 high level sales managers from Mitsubishi. At these meetings, Mitsubishi discussed such things
19 as CRT prices, production, revenues, volumes, demand, inventories, estimated sales, plant
20 shutdowns, customer allocation, and new product development, and agreed on prices and supply
21 levels for CRT Products. Mitsubishi never effectively withdrew from this conspiracy.

22 189. When Plaintiffs refer to a corporate family or companies by a single name in
23 their allegations of participation in the conspiracy, Plaintiffs are alleging that one or more
24 employees or agents of entities within the corporate family engaged in conspiratorial meetings
25 on behalf of every company in that family. In fact, the individual participants in the
26 conspiratorial meetings and discussions did not always know the corporate affiliation of their
27 counterparts, nor did they distinguish between the entities within a corporate family. The
28 individual participants entered into agreements on behalf of, and reported these meetings and

discussions to, their respective corporate families. As a result, the entire corporate family was represented in meetings and discussions by their agents and were parties to the agreements reached in them.

E. The CRT Market During The Conspiracy

190. Until the last few years, CRTs were the dominant technology used in displays, including television and computer monitors. During the Class Period, this translated into the sale of millions of CRT Products, generating billions of dollars in annual profits.

191. The following data was reported by Stanford Resources, Inc., a market research firm focused on the global electronic display industry:

Year	Units Sold (millions)	Revenue (billion US dollars)	Average Selling Price Per Unit
1998	90.5	\$18.9	\$208
1999	106.3	\$19.2	\$181
2000	119.0	\$28.0	\$235

192. During the Class Period, North America was the largest market for CRT TVs and computer monitors. According to a report published by Fuji Chimera Research, the 1995 worldwide market for CRT monitors was 57.8 million units, 28 million of which (48.5 percent) were consumed in North America. By 2002, North America still consumed around 35 percent of the world's CRT monitor supply. *See, The Future of Liquid Crystal and Related Display Materials*, Fuji Chimera Research, 1997, p.12.

193. Defendants' collusion is evidenced by unusual price movements in the CRT Product market during the Class Period. In the 1990s, industry analysts repeatedly predicted declines in consumer prices for CRT Products that did not fully materialize. For example, in 1992, an analyst for Market Intelligent Research Corporation predicted that "[e]conomies of scale, in conjunction with technological improvements and advances in manufacturing techniques, will produce a drop in the price of the average electronic display to about \$50 in 1997." Information Display 9/92 p.19. Despite such predictions, and the existence of economic conditions warranting a drop in prices, CRT Product prices nonetheless remained stable.

1 194. In 1996, another industry source noted that “the price of the 14” tube is at a
2 sustainable USD50 and has been for some years....”

3 195. In early 1999, despite declining production costs and the rapid entry of flat panel
4 display products, the price of large sized color CRTs actually rose. The price increase was
5 allegedly based on increasing global demand. In fact, this price increase was a result of the
6 collusive conduct as herein alleged.

7 196. After experiencing oversupply of 17” CRTs in the second half of 1999, the
8 average selling price of CRTs rose again in early 2000. A March 13, 2000 article in *Infotech*
9 *Weekly* quoted an industry analyst as saying that this price increase was “unlike most other PC-
10 related products.”

11 197. A BNET Business Network news article from August 1998 reported that “key
12 components (cathode ray tubes) in computer monitors have risen in price. ‘Although several
13 manufacturers raised their CRT prices in the beginning of August, additional CRT price
14 increases are expected for the beginning of October....While computer monitor price increases
15 may be a necessary course of action, we [CyberVision, a computer monitor manufacturer] do
16 not foresee a drop in demand if we have to raise our prices relative to CRT price increases.’”

17 198. A 2004 article from Techtree.com reports that various computer monitor
18 manufacturers, including LG Electronics, Philips, and Samsung, were raising the price of their
19 monitors in response to increases in CRT prices caused by an alleged shortage of glass shells
20 used to manufacture the tubes. Philips is quoted as saying that, “It is expected that by the end of
21 September this year [2004] there will be 20% hike in the price of our CRT monitors.”

22 199. Defendants also conspired to limit production of CRTs by shutting down
23 production lines for days at a time, and closing or consolidating their manufacturing facilities.

24 200. For example, the Defendants’ CRT factory utilization percentage fell from 90
25 percent in the third quarter of 2000 to 62 percent in the first quarter of 2001. This is the most
26 dramatic example of a drop in factory utilization. There were sudden drops throughout the
27 Class Period but to a lesser degree. Plaintiffs are informed and believe that these sudden,
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1 coordinated drops in factory utilization by the Defendants were the result of Defendants'
2 agreements to decrease output in order to stabilize the prices of CRT Products.

3 201. During the Class Period, while demand in the United States for CRT Products
4 continued to decline, Defendants' conspiracy was effective in moderating the normal downward
5 pressures on prices for CRT Products caused by the entry and popularity of the new generation
6 LCD panels and plasma display products. As Finsen Yu, President of Skyworth Macao
7 Commerical Offshore Co., Ltd., a television maker, was quoted in January of 2007: "[t]he CRT
8 technology is very mature; prices and technology have become stable."

9 202. During the Class Period, there were not only periods of unnatural and sustained
10 price stability, but there were also increases in prices of CRT Products. These price increases
11 were despite the declining demand due to the approaching obsolescence of CRT Products
12 caused by the emergence of a new, potentially superior and clearly more popular, substitutable
13 technology.

14 203. These price increases and price stability in the market for CRT Products during
15 the Class Period are inconsistent with a competitive market for a product facing rapidly
16 decreasing demand caused by a new, substitutable technology.

17 **F. International Government Antitrust Investigations**

18 204. Defendants' conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of, and
19 restrict output for, CRT Products sold in the United States during the Class Period, is
20 demonstrated by a multinational investigation commenced by the Antitrust Division of the
21 United States Department of Justice ("DOJ") and others in November 2007.

22 205. On November 8, 2007, antitrust authorities in Europe, Japan and South Korea
23 raided the offices of manufacturers of CRTs as part of an international investigation of alleged
24 price fixing.

25 206. On February 10, 2009, the DOJ issued a press release announcing that a federal
26 grand jury in San Francisco had that same day returned a two-count indictment against the
27 former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.,
28 Cheng Yuan Lin, aka C.Y. Lin, for his participation in global conspiracies to fix the prices of

1 two types of CRTs used in computer monitors and televisions. The press release notes that
2 “[t]his is the first charge as a result of the Antitrust Division’s ongoing investigation into the
3 cathode ray tubes industry.” The press release further notes that Lin had previously been
4 indicted for his participation in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCDs. Mr. Lin’s
5 indictment states that the combination and conspiracy to fix the prices of CRTs was carried out,
6 in part, in the Northern District of California.

7 207. Defendant MT Picture Display Co., Ltd., the CRT unit of Defendant Panasonic,
8 has confirmed that it was raided by Japan’s Fair Trade Commission.

9 208. *Kyodo News* reported on November 8, 2007, upon information and belief, that
10 MT Picture Display fixed prices for CRTs with manufacturers in three Asian countries,
11 including South Korea’s Samsung SDI Co.

12 209. *Kyodo News* further reported that:

13 Officials of these three companies are believed to have had at least 10
14 meetings since 2005 in major Asian cities to coordinate target prices when
15 delivering their products to TV manufacturers in Japan and South Korea,
the sources said.

16 210. Defendant Samsung SDI Co., Ltd. was raided by South Korea’s Fair Trade
17 Commission, which has started an investigation into Samsung’s CRT business.

18 211. The *Asian Shimbun* further reported on November 10, 2007 that “[t]he
19 representatives held meetings in Southeast Asia where the companies operate CRT factories, the
20 sources said. The European Commission, the European Union’s executive branch, and the U.S.
21 Justice Department have been investigating four companies’ [referring to the four Asian-based
22 manufacturers—MT Picture Display, Samsung SDI Co., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, LP Displays]
23 overseas units and are closely consulting with the Fair Trade Commission by sharing
24 information.”

25 212. On November 21, 2007, Defendant Royal Philips publicly disclosed that it too is
26 subject to one or more investigations into anticompetitive conduct in the CRT industry. Royal
27 Philips spokesman Joon Knapen declined to comment on which jurisdictions have started
28 investigations. Royal Philips stated that it intended to assist the regulators.

1 213. In its 2008 Annual Report, Defendant Toshiba reports that “[t]he Group is also
2 being investigated by the [European] Commission and/or the U.S. Department of Justice for
3 potential violations of competition laws with respect to semiconductors, LCD products, cathode
4 ray tubes (CRT) and heavy electrical equipment.”

5 214. On May 6, 2008, the Hungarian Competition Authority (“HCA”) announced its
6 own investigation into the CRT cartel. The HCA described the cartel as follows:

7 The Hungarian Competition Authority (Gazdasági Versenyhivatal – GVH)
8 initiated a competition supervision proceeding against the following
9 undertakings: Samsung SDI Co., Ltd., Samsung SDI Germany GmbH,
10 Samsung SDI Magyarország Zrt., Thomson TDP sp. Z.o.o., LG Philips
11 Displays Czech Republic s.r.o., LP Displays, Chunghwa Picture Tubes
12 (UK), Ltd., Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., Daewoo Orion S.A., Daewoo
Electronics Global HQ, Daewoo Electronics European HQ, MT Picture
Display Germany GmbH, Matsushita Global HQ, Matsushita European
HQ.

13 Based on the data available, the undertakings mentioned above concerted
14 their practice regarding the manufacturing and distribution of cathode-ray
15 tubes (including coloured picture tubes and coloured screen tubes) on the
16 European market between 1995 and 2007. The anti-competitive behaviour
17 may have concerned the exchange of sensitive market information (about
18 prices, volumes sold, demand and the extent to which capacities were
exploited), price-fixing, the allocation of market shares, consumers and
volumes to be sold, the limitation of output and coordination concerning
the production. The undertakings evolved a structural system and
functional mechanism of cooperation.

19 According to the available evidences it is presumable that the coordination
20 of European and Asian undertakings regarding to the European market also
21 included Hungary from 1995 to 2007. The coordination concerning the
22 Hungarian market allegedly formed part of the European coordination.
23 Samsung SDI Magyarország was called into the proceeding since it
24 manufactured and sold cathode-ray tubes in Hungary in the examined
period, and it allegedly participated in the coordination between its parent
companies.

25 215. As outlined above, Defendants have a history of competitor contacts resulting
26 from joint ventures, numerous cross-licensing agreements, and other alliances in related
27 businesses in the electronics industry.
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1 216. Several Defendants also have a history of “cooperation” and anticompetitive
2 conduct. For example, Defendant Samsung was fined \$300 million by the U.S. Department of
3 Justice in October 2005 for participating in a conspiracy to fix the prices of Dynamic Random
4 Access Memory (DRAM).

5 217. Defendants Samsung and Toshiba have acknowledged being contacted by the
6 U.S. Department of Justice as part of an ongoing investigation for fixing prices of Static
7 Random Access Memory and NAND Flash Memory.

8 218. In December 2006, government authorities in Japan, Korea, the European Union
9 and the United States revealed a comprehensive investigation into anticompetitive conduct in
10 the closely-related TFT-LCD market.

11 219. On December 12, 2006, news reports indicated that Defendants Samsung and
12 Chunghwa, as well as an LCD joint venture between Defendants Philips and LG Electronics,
13 Inc, LG Display Co., Ltd., were all under investigation for price fixing of TFT-LCDs.

14 220. On November 12, 2008, the DOJ announced that it had reached agreements with
15 three TFT-LCD manufacturers—LG Display Co., Ltd. (and its U.S. subsidiary, LG Display
16 America, Inc.), Sharp Corporation, and Defendant Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd.—to plead
17 guilty to violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a total of \$585
18 million in criminal fines for their roles in a conspiracy to fix prices of TFT-LCD panels.

19 221. On March 10, 2009, the DOJ announced that it had reached an agreement with
20 Defendant Hitachi Displays, Ltd., a subsidiary of Defendant Hitachi, Ltd., to plead guilty to
21 violations of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and pay a \$31 million fine for its role
22 in a conspiracy to fix the prices of TFT-LCD panels.

23 222. The indictments of LG Display Co., Ltd., Sharp Corporation, Chunghwa Picture
24 Tubes, Ltd. and Hitachi Displays, Ltd., all state that the combination and conspiracy to fix the
25 prices of TFT-LCDs was carried out, in part, in the Northern District of California.

26 **IX. THE PASS-THROUGH OF OVERCHARGES TO CONSUMERS**

27 223. Defendants’ conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of CRT
28 Products at artificial levels resulted in harm to Plaintiffs and the indirect purchaser consumer

1 classes alleged herein because it resulted in their paying higher prices for CRT Products than
2 they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' conspiracy. The entire overcharge at issue
3 was passed on to Plaintiffs and members of the indirect purchaser classes. As the DOJ
4 acknowledged in announcing the indictment of defendant Chunghwa's former Chairman and
5 CEO, "This conspiracy harmed countless Americans who purchased computers and televisions
6 using cathode ray tubes sold at fixed prices."

7 224. The Defendants identified above that attended the Glass Meetings, monitored the
8 prices of televisions and computer monitors sold in the U.S. and elsewhere on a regular basis.
9 The purpose and effect of investigating such retail market data was at least three fold. First, it
10 permitted Defendants, such as Chunghwa, which did not manufacture CRT televisions or
11 computer monitors the way that Samsung, LG, Daewoo, Panasonic, Toshiba, Philips, Hitachi,
12 Thomson and Mitsubishi did, to police the price fixing agreement to make sure that intra-
13 defendant CRT sales were kept at supra-competitive levels. Secondly, it permitted all
14 Defendants to police their price fixing agreement to independent OEMs who would reduce
15 prices for finished goods if there was a corresponding reduction in CRT prices from a
16 Defendant. Finally, as discussed above, Defendants used the prices of finished products to
17 analyze whether they could increase prices or should agree to a "bottom" price instead. The
18 Defendants concluded that in order to make their CRT price increases stick, they needed to
19 make the increase high enough that their direct customers (CRT TV and monitor makers) would
20 be able to justify a corresponding price increase to their customers (for e.g., retailers and
21 computer OEMs). In this way, Defendants assured that 100% of the supracompetitive
22 overcharges for CRT Products were passed on to indirect purchaser consumers.

23 225. The indirect purchaser consumer buys CRT Products from either a computer or
24 TV OEM such as Dell or Sharp, or a reseller such as Best Buy.

25 226. Because of the breadth of the price-fixing conspiracy here, the direct purchaser
26 CRT TV and monitor manufacturers were not constrained by their competitors from passing on
27 the overcharge. Because each of the direct purchaser's competitors were also buying CRTs at
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1 supracompetitive prices from conspiracy members, no direct purchaser faced end-product price
2 competition from a competitor that was not paying supracompetitive prices for CRTs.

3 227. The price of CRT Products is directly correlated to the price of CRTs. The
4 margins for CRT TV and monitor makers are sufficiently thin that price increases of CRTs force
5 them to increase the prices of their CRT Products. This means that increases in the price of
6 CRTs lead to quick corresponding price increases at the OEM level for CRT Products.

7 228. Computer and TV OEMs and retailers of CRT Products are all subject to
8 vigorous price competition, whether selling CRT TVs or computer monitors. The demand for
9 CRTs is ultimately determined by purchasers of products containing such products. The market
10 for CRTs and the market for CRT Products are therefore inextricably linked and cannot be
11 considered separately. Defendants are well aware of this intimate relationship, and use forecasts
12 of CRT TVs and computer monitors to predict sales of and determine production levels and
13 pricing for CRTs.

14 229. Computers and televisions are commodities with little or no brand loyalty such
15 that aggressive pricing causes consumers to switch preferences to different brands. Prices are
16 closely based on production costs, which are in turn directly determined by component costs, as
17 assembly costs are minimal. OEMs accordingly use component costs, like the cost of CRTs, as
18 the starting point for all price calculations. On information and belief, computer and TV OEMs
19 price their end-products on a “cost-plus” basis. Thus, computer and television prices closely
20 track increases and decreases in component costs.

21 230. The CRT is the most expensive component in the products into which they are
22 incorporated. On information and belief, the cost of the CRT in a computer monitor is
23 approximately 60% of the total cost to manufacture the computer monitor. On information and
24 belief, the cost of the CRT in a television is a slightly smaller percentage of the total
25 manufacturing cost because a television has more components than a computer monitor, such as
26 the tuner and speakers.

27 231. Economic and legal literature recognizes that the more pricing decisions are
28 based on cost, the easier it is to determine the pass-through rate. The directness of affected costs

1 refers to whether an overcharge affects a direct (*i.e.*, variable) cost or an indirect (*i.e.*, overhead)
2 cost. Overcharges will be passed through sooner and at a higher rate if the overcharges affect
3 direct costs. Here, CRTs are a direct and substantial cost of CRT Products. Therefore, Plaintiffs
4 will be able to show that the overcharge on the CRTs was passed through to indirect purchasers.

5 232. Once a CRT leaves its place of manufacture, it remains essentially unchanged as
6 it moves through the distribution system. CRTs are identifiable, discreet, physical objects that
7 do not change form or become an indistinguishable part of the TV or computer monitor in which
8 they are contained. Thus, CRTs follow a traceable physical chain from the Defendants to the
9 OEMs to the purchasers of finished products incorporating CRTs.

10 233. Moreover, just as CRTs can be physically traced through the supply chain, so can
11 their price by traced to show that changes in the prices paid by direct purchasers of CRTs affect
12 prices paid by indirect purchasers of CRT Products. On information and belief, computer and
13 TV OEMs price their end-products on a “cost-plus” basis.

14 234. In retailing, it is common to use a “mark-up rule.” The retail price is set as the
15 wholesale cost plus a percentage markup designed to recover non-product costs and to provide a
16 profit. This system guarantees that increases in costs to the retailer will be passed on to end
17 buyers. For example, CDW, a large seller of CRT monitors, uses such a system. A declaration
18 in the *DRAM* case from CDW’s director of pricing details exactly how they calculated selling
19 prices:

20 In general, CDW employs a “building block” approach to setting its
21 advertised prices. The first building block is the Cost of Goods Sold
22 (COGS), which represents the price CDW paid to acquire the
23 product...CDW...adds a series of positive markups to the cost to CDW to
24 acquire a given product. These markups are in addition to the pass
through effect of changes in the costs charged to CDW for that product by
a given vendor.

25 235. Economic and legal literature has recognized that unlawful overcharges in a
26 component normally result in higher prices for products containing that price-fixed component.
27 As Professor Herbert Hovenkamp, a noted antitrust scholar, has stated in his treatise, *FEDERAL*
28 *ANTITRUST POLICY, THE LAW OF COMPETITION AND ITS PRACTICE* (1994) at 624:

A monopoly charge at the top of the distribution chain generally results in higher prices at every level below. For example, if production of aluminum is monopolized or cartelized, fabricators of aluminum cookware will pay higher prices for aluminum. In most cases they will absorb part of these increased costs themselves and will pass part along to cookware wholesalers. The wholesalers will charge higher prices to the retail stores, and the stores will do it once again to retail consumers. Every person at every stage in the chain will be poorer as a result of the monopoly price at the top.

Theoretically, one can calculate the percentage of any overcharge that a firm at one distributional level will pass on to those at the next level.

236. Similarly, two other antitrust scholars—Professors Robert G. Harris (Professor Emeritus and former Chair of the Business and Public Policy Group at the Hass School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley) and the late Lawrence A. Sullivan (Professor of Law Emeritus at Southwestern School of Law and author of the Handbook of the Law of Antitrust)—have observed that “in a multiple-level chain of distribution, passing on monopoly overcharges is not the exception; it is the rule.”

237. As Professor Jeffrey McKie-Mason (Arthur W. Burks Professor for Information and Computer Science, Professor of Economics and Public Policy, and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs in the School of Information at the University of Michigan), an expert who presented evidence in a number of the indirect purchaser cases involving Microsoft Corporation, said (in a passage quoted in a judicial decision in that case granting class certification):

As is well known in economic theory and practice, at least some of the overcharge will be passed on by distributors to end consumers. When the distribution markets are highly competitive, as they are here, all or nearly the entire overcharge will be passed on through to ultimate consumers.... Both of Microsoft’s experts also agree upon the economic phenomenon of cost pass through and how it works in competitive markets. This general phenomenon of cost pass through is well established in antitrust laws and economics as well.

238. The purpose of Defendants’ conspiratorial conduct was to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the price of CRTs and, as a direct and foreseeable result, CRT Products. The market for CRTs and the market for CRT Products are inextricably linked. One exists to serve the

1 other. Defendants not only knew, but expressly contemplated that prices of CRT Products
2 would increase as a direct result of their increasing the prices of CRTs.

3 239. Finally, many of the Defendants and/or co-conspirators themselves have been
4 and are currently manufacturers of CRT TVs and computer monitors. Such manufacturers
5 include, for example, Samsung, LG, Hitachi, Toshiba, Philips, and Panasonic. Having agreed to
6 fix prices for CRTs, the major component of the end products they were manufacturing, these
7 Defendants intended to pass on the full cost of this component in their finished products, and in
8 fact did so.

9 240. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' illegal conduct, Plaintiffs and
10 other indirect purchasers have been forced to pay supra-competitive prices for CRT Products.
11 These inflated prices have been passed on to them by direct purchaser manufacturers,
12 distributors and retailers.

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16 **X. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

17 241. Plaintiffs bring this action individually and as a class action pursuant to the
18 provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of all members of the
19 following class (the "Nationwide Class"):

20 All persons and or entities who or which indirectly purchased in the United
21 States for their own use and not for resale, CRT Products manufactured and/or
22 sold by the Defendants, or any subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at
23 any time during the period from at least March 1, 1995 through at least
24 November 25, 2007. Specifically excluded from this Class are the Defendants;
25 the officers, directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any
26 Defendant has a controlling interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir
27 or assign of any Defendant. Also excluded are any federal, state or local
28 government entities, any judicial officer presiding over this action and the
members of his/her immediate family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to
this action.

1 242. Plaintiffs also bring this action on behalf of themselves and as a class action
 2 pursuant to the provisions of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and/or respective
 3 state statute(s), on behalf of all members of the following State classes or subclasses
 4 (collectively “Indirect Purchaser State Classes”): Arizona, California, District of Columbia,
 5 Florida, Hawaii, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada,
 6 New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont,
 7 West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

8 243. Each of the Indirect Purchaser State Classes is defined as follows:

9 All persons and or entities in Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida,
 10 Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, New
 11 York, North Carolina, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, West
 12 Virginia, and Wisconsin who or which indirectly purchased for their own use and
 not for resale, CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by the Defendants, or any
 subsidiary, affiliate, or co-conspirator thereof, at any time during the period from
 at least March 1, 1995 through at least November 25, 2007.

13 All persons and entities in Hawaii who or which indirectly purchased for their
 14 own use and not for resale CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by one or
 15 more of the Defendants or any of their parents, affiliates, subsidiaries,
 16 predecessors or successors in interest at any time from June 25, 2002 through at
 least November 25, 2007.

17 All persons and entities in Nebraska who or which indirectly purchased for their
 18 own use and not for resale CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by one or
 19 more of the Defendants or any of their parents, affiliates, subsidiaries,
 predecessors or successors in interest at any time from July 20, 2002 through at
 least November 25, 2007.

20 All persons and entities in Nevada who or which indirectly purchased for their
 21 own use and not for resale CRT Products manufactured and/or sold by one or
 22 more of the Defendants or any of their parents, affiliates, subsidiaries,
 23 predecessors or successors in interest at any time from February 4, 1999 through
 at least November 25, 2007.

24 Specifically excluded from these Classes are the Defendants; the officers,
 25 directors or employees of any Defendant; any entity in which any Defendant has a
 26 controlling interest; and, any affiliate, legal representative, heir or assign of any
 27 Defendant. Also excluded are any federal, state or local government entities, any
 judicial officer presiding over this action and the members of his/her immediate
 family and judicial staff, and any juror assigned to this action.

244. This action has been brought and may properly be maintained as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for the following reasons:

a. The Classes are ascertainable and there is a well-defined community of interest among members of the Classes;

b. Based upon the nature of trade and commerce involved and the number of indirect purchasers of CRT Products, Plaintiffs believe that the number of Class members is very large, and therefore joinder of all Class members is not practicable;

c. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of Class members' claims because Plaintiffs indirectly purchased CRT Products manufactured by Defendants or their co-conspirators, and therefore Plaintiffs' claims arise from the same common course of conduct giving rise to the claims of the members of the Classes and the relief sought is common to the Classes;

d. The following common questions of law or fact, among others, exist as to the members of the Classes:

i. Whether Defendants formed and operated a combination or conspiracy to fix, raise, maintain, or stabilize the prices of CRT Products;

ii. Whether the combination or conspiracy caused CRT Product prices to be higher than they would have been in the absence of Defendants' conduct;

iii. The operative time period of Defendants' combination or conspiracy;

iv. Whether Defendants' conduct caused injury to the business or property of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes;

v. The appropriate measure of the amount of damages suffered by the Classes;

vi. Whether Defendants' conduct violates Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1) as alleged in the First Claim for Relief;

vii. Whether Defendants' conduct violates the Indirect Purchaser States' antitrust laws as alleged in the Second Claim for Relief;

1 viii. Whether Defendants' conduct violates the unfair competition and
2 consumer protection laws of the Consumer Protection States as alleged in the Third Claim for
3 Relief;

4 ix. The appropriate nature of class-wide equitable relief.

5 e. These and other questions of law and fact common to the members of the
6 Classes predominate over any questions affecting only individual members, including legal and
7 factual issues relating to liability and damages;

8 f. After determination of the predominant common issues identified above,
9 if necessary or appropriate, the Classes can be divided into logical and manageable subclasses;

10 g. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately protect the interests of the Classes in
11 that Plaintiffs have no interests that are antagonistic to other members of the Classes and have
12 retained counsel competent and experienced in the prosecution of class actions and antitrust
13 litigation to represent them and the Classes;

14 h. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and
15 efficient adjudication of this litigation since individual joinder of all damaged Class members is
16 impractical. The damages suffered by the individual Class members are relatively small, given
17 the expense and burden of individual prosecution of the claims asserted in this litigation. Thus,
18 absent the availability of class action procedures it would not be feasible for Class members to
19 redress the wrongs done to them. Even if the Class members could afford individual litigation,
20 the court system could not. Further, individual litigation presents the potential for inconsistent
21 or contradictory judgments and would greatly magnify the delay and expense to all parties and
22 the court system. Therefore, the class action device presents far fewer case management
23 difficulties and will provide the benefits of unitary adjudication, economy of scale and
24 comprehensive supervision in a single court;

25 i. Defendants have acted, and/or refused to act, on grounds generally
26 applicable to the Classes, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief with respect to the
27 Classes as a whole; and
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j. In the absence of a class action, Defendants would be unjustly enriched because they would be able to retain the benefits and fruits of its wrongful conduct.

XI. VIOLATIONS ALLEGED

A. First Claim for Relief: Violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act

245. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

246. Beginning at a time unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March 1, 1995, through at least November 25, 2007, the exact dates being unknown to Plaintiffs and exclusively within the knowledge of Defendants, Defendants and their co-conspirators, entered into a continuing agreement, understanding, and conspiracy to unreasonably restrain trade and commerce in the United States, in violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1.

247. In particular, Defendants have combined and conspired to fix, raise, maintain or stabilize the prices of CRT Products sold in the United States.

248. Defendants, by their unlawful conspiracy, artificially raised, inflated and maintained the market prices of CRT Products as herein alleged.

249. The contract, combination or conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding and concert of action among Defendants and their co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain and stabilize the prices of CRT Products they sold in the United States and elsewhere.

250. In formulating and carrying out the alleged agreement, understanding, and conspiracy, the Defendants and their co-conspirators did those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, but not limited to the acts, practices, and course of conduct set forth above, and the following, among others:

- a. Participated in meetings and conversations to discuss the prices and supply of CRT Products in the United States and elsewhere;
- b. Agreed to manipulate prices and limit supply of CRT Products sold in the United States and elsewhere in a manner that deprived direct and indirect purchasers of CRT Products of free and open competition;

- c. Issued price announcements and price quotations in accordance with the agreements reached;
- d. Sold CRT Products to customers in the United States at non-competitive prices; and
- e. Invoiced customers in the United States at the agreed-upon, fixed prices for CRT Products and transmitting such invoices via U.S. mail and other interstate means of delivery.

251. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had the following effects, among others:

- a. Price competition in the sale of CRT Products has been restrained, suppressed and/or eliminated in the United States;
- b. Prices for CRT Products sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators have been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high, non-competitive levels throughout the United States; and
- c. Those who purchased CRT Products directly or indirectly from Defendants have been deprived the benefits of free and open competition.

252. As a direct result of the unlawful conduct of Defendants and their co-conspirators in furtherance of their continuing contract, combination or conspiracy, Plaintiffs and the members of the Nationwide Class have been injured and will continue to be injured in their business and property by paying more for CRT Products purchased indirectly from the Defendants and their co-conspirators than they would have paid and will pay in the absence of the combination and conspiracy.

253. These violations are continuing and will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

254. Pursuant to Section 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. § 26, Plaintiffs and the Nationwide Class seek the issuance of an injunction against Defendants, preventing and restraining the violations alleged herein.

B. Second Claim For Relief: Violation of State Antitrust Statutes

1 255. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and
2 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

3 256. Plaintiff Brian Luscher (“Arizona Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and
4 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as
5 follows:

- 6 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
7 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
8 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
9 distributed or obtained in Arizona.
- 10 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
11 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
12 eliminated throughout Arizona; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
13 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
14 Arizona; (3) the Arizona Plaintiff and members of the Arizona Indirect
15 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT
16 Products.
- 17 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially
18 affected Arizona commerce.
- 19 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the
20 Arizona Plaintiff and members of the Arizona Indirect Purchaser Class
21 have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with
22 further injury.
- 23 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
24 restraint of trade in violation of Ariz. Rev. Stat. §§44-1401, *et seq.*¹
25 Accordingly, the Arizona Plaintiff and the members of the Arizona

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27 ¹ In compliance with Arizona’s Antitrust Act, Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1415, Plaintiffs mailed a
28 copy of the Second Consolidated Amended Complaint to the Arizona Attorney General on May
10, 2010.

1 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Ariz. Rev.
2 Stat. §§ 44-1401, *et seq.*

3 257. Plaintiffs Jeffrey Figone, Carmen Gonzalez, Dana Ross, and Steven Ganz
4 (“California Plaintiffs”) incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the
5 preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 6 a. Beginning at a time presently unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early
7 as March 1, 1995, and continuing thereafter at least up to and including
8 November 25, 2007, Defendants and their co-conspirators entered into
9 and engaged in a continuing unlawful trust in restraint of the trade and
10 commerce described above in violation of Section 16720, California
11 Business and Professional Code. Defendants, and each of them, have
12 acted in violation of Section 16720 to fix, raise, stabilize and maintain
13 prices of CRT Products at supra-competitive levels.
- 14 b. The aforesaid violations of Section 16720, California Business and
15 Professions Code, consisted, without limitation, of a continuing unlawful
16 trust and concert of action among the Defendants and their co-
17 conspirators, the substantial terms of which were to fix, raise, maintain
18 and stabilize the prices of, and to allocate markets for CRT Products.
- 19 c. For the purpose of forming and effectuating the unlawful trust, the
20 defendants and their co-conspirators have done those things which they
21 combined and conspired to do, including but in no way limited to the acts,
22 practices, and course of conduct set forth above and the following: (1)
23 fixing, raising, stabilizing and/or maintaining the price of CRT Products;
24 and (2) allocating among themselves the production of CRT Products.
- 25 d. The combination and conspiracy alleged herein has had, *inter alia*, the
26 following effects: (1) price competition in the sale of CRT Products has
27 been restrained, suppressed and/or eliminated in the State of California;
28 (2) prices for CRT Products sold by Defendants and their co-conspirators

1 have been fixed, raised, maintained and stabilized at artificially high, non-
 2 competitive levels in the State of California; and (3) those who purchased
 3 CRT Products directly or indirectly from Defendants and their co-
 4 conspirators have been deprived of the benefit of free and open
 5 competition.

- 6 e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct,
 7 Plaintiffs and the members of the California Class have been injured in
 8 their business and property in that they paid more for CRT Products than
 9 they otherwise would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful
 10 conduct. As a result of Defendants' violation of Section 16720 *et seq.* of
 11 the California Business and Professions Code, Plaintiffs seek treble
 12 damages and the costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees,
 13 pursuant to Section 16750(a) of the California Business and Professions
 14 Code.

15 258. Plaintiff Law Suites. ("DC Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every
 16 allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 17 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
 18 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
 19 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
 20 distributed or obtained in the District of Columbia.
- 21 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
 22 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
 23 eliminated throughout the District of Columbia; (2) CRT Product prices
 24 were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels
 25 throughout the District of Columbia; (3) the DC Plaintiff and members of
 26 the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,
 27 artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected District of Columbia commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the DC Plaintiff and members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of District of Columbia Code Ann. §§ 28-4501, *et seq.* Accordingly, the DC Plaintiff and the members of the District of Columbia Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under District of Columbia Code Ann. §§ 28-4501, *et seq.*

259. Plaintiff Daniel Riebow ("Hawaii Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Hawaii.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Hawaii; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Hawaii; (3) the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Hawaii commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class have

1 been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further
2 injury.

3 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
4 restraint of trade in violation of Hawaii Code, H.R.S. § 480-4.²

5 Accordingly, the Hawaii Plaintiff and the members of the Hawaii Indirect
6 Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Hawaii Code,
7 H.R.S. § 480-1 *et seq.*

8 260. Plaintiff Travis Burau (“Iowa Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and
9 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as
10 follows:

11 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
12 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
13 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
14 distributed or obtained in Iowa.

15 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
16 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
17 eliminated throughout the Iowa; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
18 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout the
19 Iowa; (3) the Iowa Plaintiff and the members of the Iowa Indirect
20 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT
21 Products.

22 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially
23 affected Iowa commerce.

24 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the
25 Iowa Plaintiff and members of the Iowa Indirect Purchaser Class have
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28 ² On May 10, 2010, in compliance with Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-13.3, Plaintiffs served a copy of
the Second Consolidated Amended Complaint on the Hawaii Attorney General.

1 been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further
2 injury.

- 3 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
4 restraint of trade in violation of Iowa Code §§ 553.1 *et seq.* Accordingly,
5 the Iowa Plaintiff and the members of the Iowa Indirect Purchaser Class
6 seek all forms of relief available under Iowa Code §§ 553.1.

7 261. Plaintiff Southern Office Supply, Inc. (“Kansas Plaintiff”) incorporates and
8 realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and
9 further alleges as follows:

- 10 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
11 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
12 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
13 distributed or obtained in Kansas.
- 14 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
15 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
16 eliminated throughout Kansas; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed,
17 maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Kansas;
18 (3) the Kansas Plaintiff and members of the Kansas Indirect Purchaser
19 Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 20 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially
21 affected Kansas commerce.
- 22 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the
23 Kansas Plaintiff and members of the Kansas Indirect Purchaser Class have
24 been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further
25 injury.
- 26 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
27 restraint of trade in violation of Kansas Stat. Ann. §§50-101 *et seq.*
28 Accordingly, the Kansas Plaintiff and the members of the Kansas Indirect

Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Kansas Stat. Ann. §§50-101 *et seq.*

262. Plaintiff Kerry Lee Hall (“Maine Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Maine.
- b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Maine; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Maine; (3) Plaintiffs and members of the Maine Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected Maine commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, Plaintiffs and members of the Maine Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, §§1101 *et seq.* Accordingly, Plaintiffs and the members of the Maine Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Maine Rev. Stat. Ann. 10, §§1101 *et seq.*

1 263. Plaintiff Lisa Reynolds (“Michigan Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each
2 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges
3 as follows:

- 4 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
5 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
6 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
7 distributed or obtained in Michigan.
- 8 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
9 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
10 eliminated throughout Michigan; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
11 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
12 Michigan; (3) the Michigan Plaintiff and members of the Michigan
13 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices
14 for CRT Products.
- 15 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially
16 affected Michigan commerce.
- 17 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the
18 Michigan Plaintiff and members of the Michigan Indirect Purchaser Class
19 have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with
20 further injury.
- 21 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
22 restraint of trade in violation of Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. §§ 445.771
23 *et seq.* Accordingly, the Michigan Plaintiff and the members of the
24 Michigan Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under
25 Michigan Comp. Laws Ann. §§ 445.771 *et seq.*

26 264. Plaintiffs David Norby, Barry Kushner and Ryan Rizzo (“Minnesota Plaintiffs”)
27 incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this
28 Complaint and further allege as follows:

- 1 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
2 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
3 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
4 distributed or obtained in Minnesota.
- 5 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
6 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
7 eliminated throughout Minnesota; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
8 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
9 Minnesota; (3) the Minnesota Plaintiffs and members of the Minnesota
10 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices
11 for CRT Products.
- 12 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially
13 affected Minnesota commerce.
- 14 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the
15 Minnesota Plaintiffs and members of the Minnesota Indirect Purchaser
16 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened
17 with further injury.
- 18 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
19 restraint of trade in violation of Minnesota Stat. §§ 325D.50 *et seq.*
20 Accordingly, the Minnesota Plaintiffs and the members of the Minnesota
21 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under
22 Minnesota Stat. §§ 325D.50 *et seq.*

23 265. Plaintiff Charles Jenkins ("Mississippi Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each
24 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges
25 as follows:

- 26 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
27 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
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1 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
 2 distributed or obtained in Mississippi.

3 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
 4 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
 5 eliminated throughout Mississippi; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
 6 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
 7 Mississippi; (3) the Mississippi Plaintiff and members of the Mississippi
 8 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices
 9 for CRT Products.

10 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially
 11 affected Mississippi commerce.

12 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the
 13 Mississippi Plaintiff and members of the Mississippi Indirect Purchaser
 14 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened
 15 with further injury.

16 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
 17 restraint of trade in violation of Mississippi Code Ann. §75-21-1 *et seq.*
 18 Accordingly, the Minnesota Plaintiff and the members of the Mississippi
 19 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under
 20 Mississippi Code Ann. §75-21-1 *et seq.*

21 266. Plaintiff Misti Walker ("Nebraska Plaintiff") incorporate and reallege each and
 22 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as
 23 follows:

24 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
 25 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
 26 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
 27 distributed or obtained in Nebraska.

- 1 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
2 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
3 eliminated throughout Nebraska; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
4 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
5 Nebraska; (3) the Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska
6 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices
7 for CRT Products.
- 8 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially
9 affected Nebraska commerce.
- 10 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the
11 Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class
12 have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with
13 further injury.
- 14 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
15 restraint of trade in violation of Nebraska Rev. Stat. § 59-801 *et seq.*
16 Accordingly, the Nebraska Plaintiff and the members of the Nebraska
17 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Nebraska
18 Rev. Stat. § 59-801 *et seq.*

19 267. Plaintiff Gloria Kamo ("Nevada Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and
20 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as
21 follows:

- 22 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
23 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
24 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
25 distributed or obtained in Nevada.
- 26 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
27 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
28 eliminated throughout Nevada; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed,

maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nevada;
 (3) the Nevada Plaintiff and members of the Nevada Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Nevada commerce.

d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the Nevada Plaintiff and members of the Nevada Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 598A *et seq.*³ Accordingly, the Nevada Plaintiff and the members of the Nevada Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Nevada Rev. Stat. Ann. §§ 598A *et seq.*

268. Plaintiff Craig Stephenson ("New Mexico Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in New Mexico.

b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New

³ In compliance with the Nevada Unfair Trade Practices Act, Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 589A.210(3), Plaintiffs served a copy of the Second Consolidated Amended Complaint on the Nevada Attorney General on May 10, 2010.

Mexico; (3) the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce.

d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of New Mexico Stat. Ann. §§ 57-1-1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the New Mexico Plaintiff and the members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under New Mexico Stat. Ann. §§ 57-1-1 *et seq.*

269. Plaintiffs Conrad Carty, Janet Ackerman and Louise Wood ("New York Plaintiffs") incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in New York.

b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New York; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New York; (3) the New York Plaintiffs and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the New York Plaintiffs and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of New York General Business Law § 340 *et seq.* Accordingly, the New York Plaintiffs and the members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under New York G.B.L. § 340 *et seq.* In accordance with New York G.B.L. § 340.5, the New York Plaintiffs served a copy of this Third Consolidated Amended Complaint on the New York Attorney General on December 10, 2010.

270. Plaintiff Patricia Andrews ("North Carolina Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in North Carolina.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Carolina; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina; (3) the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Carolina commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. §§ 75-1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the North Carolina Plaintiff and the members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under North Carolina Gen. Stat. §§ 75-1 *et seq.*

271. Plaintiff Gary Hanson ("North Dakota Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in North Dakota.
- b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Dakota; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Dakota; (3) the North Dakota Plaintiff and members of the North Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Dakota commerce.

- 1 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the
2 North Dakota Plaintiff and members of the North Dakota Indirect
3 Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are
4 threatened with further injury.
- 5 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
6 restraint of trade in violation of North Dakota Cent. Code §§ 51-08.1-01
7 *et seq.* Accordingly, the North Dakota Plaintiff and the members of the
8 North Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available
9 under North Dakota Cent. Code §§ 51-08.1-01 *et seq.*

10 272. Plaintiff Jeff Speaect ("South Dakota Plaintiff") incorporates and realleges each
11 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges
12 as follows:

- 13 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
14 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
15 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
16 distributed or obtained in South Dakota.
- 17 b. Defendants' combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
18 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
19 eliminated throughout South Dakota; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
20 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
21 South Dakota; (3) the South Dakota Plaintiff and members of the South
22 Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially
23 inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 24 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially
25 affected South Dakota commerce.
- 26 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, the
27 South Dakota Plaintiff and members of the South Dakota Indirect
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Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. §§ 37-1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the South Dakota Plaintiff and the members of the South Dakota Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under South Dakota Codified Laws Ann. §§ 37-1 *et seq.*

273. Plaintiffs Frank Warner and Albert Sidney Crigler (“Tennessee Plaintiffs”) incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Tennessee.
- b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Tennessee; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Tennessee; (3) the Tennessee Plaintiffs and members of the Tennessee Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected Tennessee commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the Tennessee Plaintiffs and members of the Tennessee Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.

1 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
2 restraint of trade in violation of Tennessee Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101 *et*
3 *seq.* Accordingly, the Tennessee Plaintiffs and the members of the
4 Tennessee Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under
5 Tennessee Code Ann. §§ 47-25-101 *et seq.*

6 274. Plaintiff Margaret Slagle (“Vermont Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each
7 and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges
8 as follows:

9 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
10 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
11 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
12 distributed or obtained in Vermont.

13 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
14 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
15 eliminated throughout Vermont; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
16 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
17 Vermont; (3) the Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect
18 Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT
19 Products.

20 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially
21 affected Vermont commerce.

22 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the
23 Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class
24 have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with
25 further injury.

26 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
27 restraint of trade in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 §§ 2453 *et seq.*
28 Accordingly, the Vermont Plaintiff and the members of the Vermont

Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under Vermont Stat. Ann. 9 §§ 2453 *et seq.*

275. Plaintiff John Larch (“West Virginia Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in West Virginia.
- b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout West Virginia; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout West Virginia; (3) the West Virginia Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially affected West Virginia commerce.
- d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the West Virginia Plaintiff and members of the West Virginia Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened with further injury.
- e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in restraint of trade in violation of West Virginia Code §§ 47-18-1 *et seq.* Accordingly, the West Virginia Plaintiff and the members of the West Virginia Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under West Virginia Code §§ 47-18-1 *et seq.*

1 276. Plaintiff Brigid Terry (“Wisconsin Plaintiff”) incorporates and realleges each and
 2 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as
 3 follows:

- 4 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
 5 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
 6 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
 7 distributed or obtained in Wisconsin.
- 8 b. Defendants’ combinations or conspiracies had the following effects: (1)
 9 CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and
 10 eliminated throughout Wisconsin; (2) CRT Product prices were raised,
 11 fixed, maintained, and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout
 12 Wisconsin; (3) the Wisconsin Plaintiff and members of the Wisconsin
 13 Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices
 14 for CRT Products.
- 15 c. During the Class Period, Defendants’ illegal conduct substantially
 16 affected Wisconsin commerce.
- 17 d. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants’ unlawful conduct, the
 18 Wisconsin Plaintiff and members of the Wisconsin Indirect Purchaser
 19 Class have been injured in their business and property and are threatened
 20 with further injury.
- 21 e. By reason of the foregoing, Defendants have entered into agreements in
 22 restraint of trade in violation of Wisconsin Stat. §§133.01 *et seq.*
 23 Accordingly, the Wisconsin Plaintiff and the members of the Wisconsin
 24 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all forms of relief available under
 25 Wisconsin Stat. §§133.01 *et seq.*

26 **C. Third Claim for Relief: Violation of State Consumer Protection and Unfair**
 27 **Competition Statutes**

1 277. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and
2 every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

3 278. Defendants engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or
4 fraudulent acts or practices in violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition
5 statutes listed below.

6 279. The California Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein,
7 each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint, and further
8 allege as follows:

9 a. Beginning on a date unknown to Plaintiffs, but at least as early as March
10 1, 1995, and continuing thereafter at least up through and including
11 November 25, 2007, Defendants committed and continue to commit acts
12 of unfair competition, as defined by Sections 17200, *et seq.* of the
13 California Business and Professions Code, by engaging in the acts and
14 practices specified above.

15 b. This claim is instituted pursuant to Sections 17203 and 17204 of the
16 California Business and Professions Code, to obtain restitution from these
17 Defendants for acts, as alleged herein, that violated Section 17200 of the
18 California Business and Professions Code, commonly known as the
19 Unfair Competition Law.

20 c. The Defendants' conduct as alleged herein violated Section 17200. The
21 acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-disclosures of
22 Defendants, as alleged herein, constituted a common continuous and
23 continuing course of conduct of unfair competition by means of unfair,
24 unlawful and/or fraudulent business acts or practices within the meaning
25 of California Business and Professions Code, Section 17200, *et seq.*,
26 including, but not limited to, the following: (1) the violations of Section 1
27 of the Sherman Act, as set forth above; (2) the violations of Section
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16720, *et seq.*, of the California Business and Professions Code, set forth above;

- 3 d. Defendants' acts, omissions, misrepresentations, practices and non-
4 disclosures, as described above, whether or not in violation of Section
5 16720, *et seq.* of the California Business and Professions Code, and
6 whether or not concerted or independent acts, are otherwise unfair,
7 unconscionable, unlawful or fraudulent; Defendants' act and practices are
8 unfair to consumers of CRT Products in the State of California and
9 throughout the United States, within the meaning of Section 17200,
10 California Business and Professions Code; and
- 11 e. Defendants' acts and practices are fraudulent or deceptive within the
12 meaning of Section 17200 of the California Business and Professions
13 Code.
- 14 f. California Plaintiffs and each of the California Indirect Purchaser Class
15 members are entitled to full restitution and/or disgorgement of all
16 revenues, earnings, profits, compensation, and benefits that may have
17 been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business acts or practices.
- 18 g. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing and there is no indication
19 that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future.
- 20 h. The unlawful and unfair business practices of Defendants, and each of
21 them, as described above, have caused and continue to cause the
22 California Plaintiffs and the members of the California Indirect Purchaser
23 Class to pay supra-competitive and artificially-inflated prices for CRT
24 Products. The California Plaintiffs and the members of the Class suffered
25 injury in fact and lost money or property as a result of such unfair
26 competition.
- 27 i. The conduct of Defendants as alleged in this Complaint violates Section
28 17200 of the California Business and Professions Code.

j. As alleged in this Complaint, Defendants and their co-conspirators have been unjustly enriched as a result of their wrongful conduct and by Defendants' unfair competition. The California Plaintiffs and the members of the California Indirect Purchaser Class are accordingly entitled to equitable relief including restitution and/or disgorgement of all revenues, earnings, profits, compensation and benefits which may have been obtained by Defendants as a result of such business practices, pursuant to California Business & Professions Code §17200 *et seq.*

280. Plaintiff David Rooks ("Florida Plaintiff") incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as follows:

- a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in Florida.
- b. The foregoing conduct constitutes "unfair methods of competition," and "unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce" within the meaning of Florida Stat. § 501.204.
- c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected Florida commerce and consumers.
- d. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout Florida; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Florida; (3) the Florida Plaintiff and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Florida Plaintiffs and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- 1 e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the Florida
2 Plaintiff and members of the Florida Indirect Purchaser Class have been
3 injured and are threatened with further injury.
- 4 f. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts
5 or practices in violation of Florida Stat. § 501.201 *et seq.*, and
6 accordingly, the Florida Plaintiffs and members of the Florida Indirect
7 Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

8 281. The Hawaii Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set
9 forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 10 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
11 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
12 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
13 distributed or obtained in Hawaii.
- 14 b. The foregoing conduct constitutes "unfair methods of competition and
15 unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or
16 commerce" within the meaning of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-2.
- 17 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially
18 affected Hawaii commerce and consumers.
- 19 d. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product
20 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout
21 Hawaii; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and
22 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Hawaii; (3) the Hawaii
23 Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class were
24 deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Hawaii Plaintiff and
25 members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,
26 artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

- 1 e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the Hawaii
 2 Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class have been
 3 injured and are threatened with further injury.
- 4 f. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts
 5 or practices in violation of Hawaii Rev. Stat. § 480-2. Accordingly, the
 6 Hawaii Plaintiff and members of the Hawaii Indirect Purchaser Class seek
 7 all relief available under Hawaii Rev Stat. § 480 *et seq.*

8 282. The Nebraska Plaintiff incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set
 9 forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 10 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
 11 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
 12 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
 13 distributed or obtained in Nebraska.
- 14 b. The foregoing conduct constitutes "unfair methods of competition and
 15 unfair or deceptive acts or practices in the conduct of any trade or
 16 commerce" within the meaning of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1602.
- 17 c. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially
 18 affected Nebraska commerce and consumers.
- 19 d. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product
 20 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout
 21 Nebraska; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and
 22 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Nebraska; (3) the Nebraska
 23 Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class were
 24 deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Nebraska Plaintiff and
 25 members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,
 26 artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.

f. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 59-1601 *et seq.*, and accordingly, the Nebraska Plaintiff and members of the Nebraska Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

283. The New Mexico Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in New Mexico.

b. Defendants also took efforts to conceal their agreements from the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class.

c. The foregoing conduct constitutes "unfair or deceptive trade practices" and "unconscionable trade practices in the conduct of any trade or commerce" within the meaning of New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-3, in that such conduct resulted in a gross disparity between the value received by New Mexico Plaintiffs and the members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class and the prices paid by them for CRT Products as set forth in New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-2E.

d. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New Mexico commerce and consumers.

e. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout New Mexico; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and

1 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout New Mexico; (3) the New
2 Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser
3 Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the New
4 Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser
5 Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.

6 f. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the New Mexico
7 Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico Indirect Purchaser Class have
8 been injured and are threatened with further injury.

9 g. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts
10 or practices in violation of New Mexico Stat. § 57-12-1 *et seq.*, and
11 accordingly, the New Mexico Plaintiff and members of the New Mexico
12 Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

13 284. The New York Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege each and every allegation set
14 forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further allege as follows:

15 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
16 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
17 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
18 distributed or obtained in New York.

19 b. Defendants also took efforts to conceal their agreements from the New
20 York Plaintiffs and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class.

21 c. Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected New York commerce
22 and consumers.

23 d. The conduct of Defendants as described herein constitutes consumer-
24 oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of N.Y. Gen. Bus.
25 Law § 349, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact
26 on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of New York State
27 in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a
28 competitive manner.

- 1 e. As consumers, the New York Plaintiffs and the members of the New York
2 Indirect Purchaser Class were targets of the conspiracy.
- 3 f. Defendants' secret agreements as described herein were not known to the
4 New York Plaintiffs or the members New York Indirect Purchaser Class.
- 5 g. Defendants made public statements about the price of CRT Products that
6 Defendants knew would be seen by the New York Plaintiffs and the
7 members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class; such statements
8 either omitted material information that rendered these statements that
9 they made materially misleading or affirmatively misrepresented the real
10 cause of price increases for CRT Products; and, Defendants alone
11 possessed material information that was relevant to consumers, but failed
12 to provide the information.
- 13 h. Because of Defendants' unlawful trade practices in the State of New
14 York, there was a broad impact on the New York Plaintiffs and the
15 members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class who indirectly
16 purchased CRT Products; and the New York Plaintiffs and the members
17 of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured because they
18 have paid more for CRT Products than they would have paid in the
19 absence of Defendants' unlawful trade acts and practices, and are
20 threatened with further injury.
- 21 i. Because of Defendants' unlawful trade practices in the State of New
22 York, the New York Plaintiffs and the members of the New York Indirect
23 Purchaser Class who indirectly purchased CRT Products were misled to
24 believe that they were paying a fair price for CRT Products, or that the
25 price increases for CRT Products were for valid business reasons.
- 26 j. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to
27 pricing of CRT Products would have an impact on the New York
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Plaintiffs and the members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class and not just Defendants' direct customers;

k. Defendants knew that their unlawful trade practices with respect to pricing of CRT Products would have a broad impact, causing consumer class members who indirectly purchased CRT Products to be injured by paying more for CRT Products than they would have paid in the absence of Defendants' unlawful trade acts and practices.

l. During the Class Period, each of the Defendants named herein, directly or indirectly through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed CRT Products in New York.

m. The New York Plaintiffs and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class seek actual damages for their injuries caused by these violations in an amount to be determined at trial. Without prejudice to their contention that Defendants' unlawful conduct was willful and knowing, the New York Plaintiffs and members of the New York Indirect Purchaser Class do not seek in this action to have those damages trebled pursuant to N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law § 349 (h).

285. The North Carolina Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold, distributed or obtained in North Carolina.

b. Defendants also took efforts to conceal their agreements from the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class.

c. The conduct of Defendants as described herein constitutes consumer-oriented deceptive acts or practices within the meaning of North Carolina

Gen. Stat. §75-1.1 *et seq.*, which resulted in consumer injury and broad adverse impact on the public at large, and harmed the public interest of North Carolina consumers in an honest marketplace in which economic activity is conducted in a competitive manner.

- d. During the Class Period, Defendants' illegal conduct substantially affected North Carolina commerce and consumers.
- e. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout North Carolina; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and stabilized at artificially high levels throughout North Carolina; (3) the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class were deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive, artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- f. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' conduct, the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class have been injured and are threatened with further injury.
- g. During the Class Period, each of the Defendants named herein, directly or indirectly through affiliates they dominated and controlled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed CRT Products in North Carolina.
- h. Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of North Carolina Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1 *et seq.*, and accordingly, the North Carolina Plaintiff and members of the North Carolina Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

286. The Vermont Plaintiff incorporates and realleges each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint and further alleges as follows:

- 1 a. Defendants agreed to, and did in fact, act in restraint of trade or commerce
2 by affecting, fixing, controlling and/or maintaining, at artificial and/or
3 non-competitive levels, the prices at which CRT Products were sold,
4 distributed or obtained in Vermont.
- 5 b. Defendants deliberately failed to disclose material facts to the Vermont
6 Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class
7 concerning Defendants' unlawful activities and artificially inflated prices
8 for CRT Products. Defendants owed a duty to disclose such facts, and
9 considering the relative lack of sophistication of the average, non-business
10 consumer, Defendants breached that duty by their silence. Defendants
11 misrepresented to all consumers during the Class Period that Defendants
12 CRT Product prices were competitive and fair.
- 13 c. Because of Defendants' unlawful and unscrupulous trade practices in
14 Vermont, the Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect
15 Purchaser Class who indirectly purchased CRT Products were misled or
16 deceived to believe that they were paying a fair price for CRT Products or
17 that the price increases for CRT Products were for valid business reasons.
- 18 d. Defendants' unlawful conduct had the following effects: (1) CRT Product
19 price competition was restrained, suppressed, and eliminated throughout
20 Vermont; (2) CRT Product prices were raised, fixed, maintained and
21 stabilized at artificially high levels throughout Vermont; (3) the Vermont
22 Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class were
23 deprived of free and open competition; and (4) the Vermont Plaintiff and
24 members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class paid supracompetitive,
25 artificially inflated prices for CRT Products.
- 26 e. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' illegal conduct, the
27 Vermont Plaintiff and the members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser
28 Class suffered an ascertainable loss of money or property as a result of

Defendants' use or employment of unconscionable and deceptive commercial practices as set forth above. That loss was caused by Defendants' willful and deceptive conduct, as described herein.

f. Defendants' misleading conduct and unconscionable activities constitutes unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Vermont Stat. Ann. Title 9, § 2451 *et seq.*, and accordingly, Vermont Plaintiff and members of the Vermont Indirect Purchaser Class seek all relief available under that statute.

D. Fourth Claim for Relief: Unjust Enrichment and Disgorgement of Profits

287. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege, as though fully set forth herein, each and every allegation set forth in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

288. Defendants have been unjustly enriched through overpayments by Plaintiffs and the Class members and the resulting profits.

289. Under common law principles of unjust enrichment, Defendants should not be permitted to retain the benefits conferred via overpayments by Plaintiffs and class members in the following states: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, New Mexico and South Dakota.

290. Plaintiffs and class members in each of the states listed above seek disgorgement of all profits resulting from such overpayments and establishment of a constructive trust from which Plaintiffs and the Class members may seek restitution.

XII. FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT

291. Throughout the relevant period, Defendants affirmatively and fraudulently concealed their unlawful conduct against Plaintiffs and the Classes.

292. Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes did not discover, and could not discover through the exercise of reasonable diligence, that Defendants were violating the law as alleged herein until shortly before this litigation was commenced. Nor could Plaintiffs and the Class members have discovered the violations earlier than that time because Defendants conducted their conspiracy in secret, concealed the nature of their unlawful conduct and acts in furtherance

1 thereof, and fraudulently concealed their activities through various other means and methods
2 designed to avoid detection. In addition, the conspiracy was by its nature self-concealing.

3 293. Defendants engaged in a successful, illegal price-fixing conspiracy with respect
4 to CRT Products, which they affirmatively concealed, in at least the following respects:

5 a. By agreeing among themselves not to discuss publicly, or otherwise
6 reveal, the nature and substance of the acts and communications in furtherance of their illegal
7 scheme, and by agreeing to expel those who failed to do so;

8 b. By agreeing among themselves to limit the number of representatives
9 from each Defendant attending the meetings so as to avoid detection;

10 c. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from listing the individual
11 representatives of the Defendants in attendance at meetings in any meeting report;

12 d. By agreeing among themselves to refrain from taking meeting minutes or
13 taking any kind of written notes during the meetings;

14 e. By giving false and pretextual reasons for their CRT Product price
15 increases during the relevant period and by describing such pricing falsely as being the result of
16 external costs rather than collusion;

17 f. By agreeing among themselves on what to tell their customers about price
18 changes, and agreeing upon which attendee would communicate the price change to which
19 customer;

20 g. By agreeing among themselves to quote higher prices to certain customers
21 than the fixed price in effect to give the appearance that the price was not fixed;

22 h. By agreeing among themselves upon the content of public statements
23 regarding capacity and supply;

24 i. By agreeing among themselves to eliminate references in expense reports
25 which might reveal the existence of their unlawful meetings; and

26 j. By agreeing on other means to avoid detection of their illegal conspiracy
27 to fix the prices of CRT Products.

294. As a result of Defendants' fraudulent concealment of their conspiracy, Plaintiffs and the Classes assert the tolling of any applicable statute of limitations affecting the rights of action of Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes.

XIII. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray as follows:

A. That the Court determine that the claims alleged herein under the Sherman Act, state antitrust laws, state consumer protection and/or unfair competition laws may be maintained as a class action under Rule 23(a), (b)(2), and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as informed by the respective state class action laws;

B. That the Court adjudge and decree that the unlawful conduct, contract, combination and conspiracy alleged herein constitutes:

- a. A violation of the Sherman Act, 15 U.S.C. §1, as alleged in the First Claim for Relief;
- b. A violation of the state antitrust laws as alleged in the Second Claim for Relief;
- c. A violation of the state consumer protection and unfair competition laws as alleged in the Third Claim for Relief; and
- d. Acts of unjust enrichment as set forth in the Fourth Claim for Relief herein.

C. That Plaintiffs and the Indirect Purchaser State Classes recover damages, as provided by the state antitrust, consumer protection, and unfair competition laws alleged herein, and that a joint and several judgment in favor of Plaintiffs and the Classes be entered against the Defendants in an amount to be trebled in accordance with such laws;

D. That Defendants, their co-conspirators, successors, transferees, assigns, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and the officers, directors, partners, agents and employees thereof, and all other persons acting or claiming to act on behalf of Defendants, or in concert with them, be permanently enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, directly or indirectly, continuing, maintaining or renewing the combinations, conspiracy, agreement, understanding or concert of

action, or adopting or following any practice, plan, program or design having a similar purpose or effect in restraining competition;

E. That Plaintiffs and the Classes be awarded restitution, including disgorgement of profits obtained by Defendants as a result of its acts of unfair competition and acts of unjust enrichment;

F. That the Court award Plaintiffs and the Classes they represent pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as permitted by law;

G. That Plaintiffs and the members of the Classes recover their costs of suit, including reasonable attorneys' fees as provided by law; and

H. That the Court award Plaintiffs and the Classes they represent such other and further relief as may be necessary and appropriate.

XIV. JURY DEMAND

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury of all of the claims asserted in this Complaint so triable.

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